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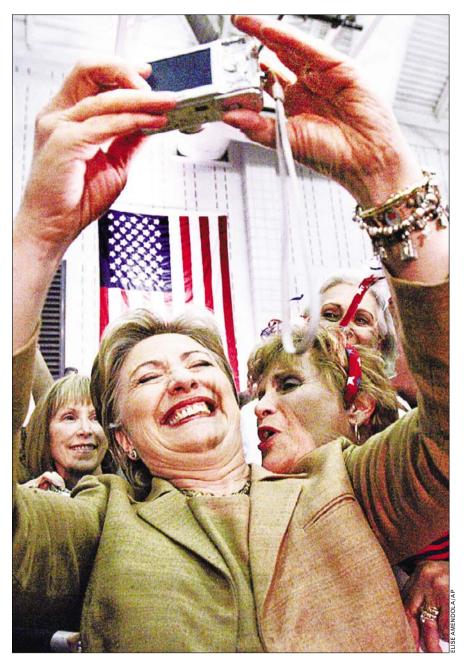
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Dems Make Final Push in Ind., N.C.

SNAPSHOT: Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton snaps a picture of herself as Helen Matta of New Burn, N.C., kisses her during a rally in Greenville, N.C. Clinton and Barack Obama traveled between North Carolina and Indiana Monday looking to pick up undecided voters ahead of Tuesday's primaries. + Hot topic: Candidates continue to duel over gas taxes | Page 3

Death Toll Soars in Myanmar

More than 10,000 are feared dead in aftermath of cyclone

YANGON, MYANMAR | Myanmar's government said Monday more than 10,000 people were feared killed in a cyclone that unleashed 12-foot tidal surges and high winds that swept away bamboo homes in low-lying coastal regions, cutting off electricity and water in the country's largest city.

The ruling junta, an authoritarian regime that cut the nation off from the international community for decades, appealed for foreign aid to help in the recovery from Saturday's disaster, the country's deadliest storm on record. The casualty count has been rising quickly as authorities reach hard-hit islands and villages in the Irrawaddy delta, the country's major rice-producing region, which bore the brunt of Cyclone Nargis' 120 mph winds.

Residents of Yangon, the former capital of 6.5 million, said they were angry the government failed to adequately warn them of the approaching storm and has so far done little to alleviate their plight. Some in Yangon complained the 400,000-strong military was clearing streets only where the ruling elite resided, while leaving residents, including Buddhist monks, to cope on their own against the huge tangles of uprooted trees.

If the numbers are accurate, the death toll would be the highest from a natural disaster in Southeast Asia since the tsunami of December 2004, which killed 229,866 people. (AP)

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DO YOU AGREE WITH CRITICS WHO SAY HORSE RACING AMOUNTS TO ANIMAL CRUELTY? (A YES (B) NO







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HIIH?

Malefactor Bestows Sapience on Progeny

He's known as Vinny Gorgeous, but convicted mob boss Vincent Basciano might want to trade up to Vinny

Photogenic or Vinny Pulchritudinous. Some of his letters from federal prison, which are being scrutinized by authorities, are full of such words as "thespian," "flippant" and "sagacious," his lawyer said. A new form of gangland slang,

or a coded message to fellow wise guys? No, attorney Ephraim Savitt said, just vocabulary Basciano wants the recipient — his 7-year-old son — to learn. "He wants the kid to go to college and be a success," Savitt said. Basciano "enjoys using \$10 words, and uses them correctly, I might add," his attorney said. (AP)

APOLOGIES

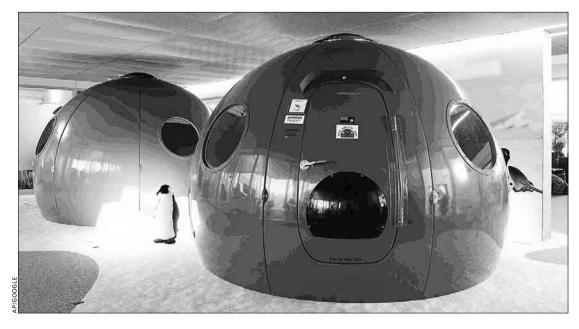
Wah, Wah, WAH

Papa John's Pizza issued an apology to Cleveland and the Cavaliers for making T-shirts with LeBron James' number and the word "crybaby" under

> it. To apologize, Papa John's will sell Cleve-

land residents a
large, one-topping pizza for
23 cents on
Thursday.
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an homage to
James' jersey
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will donate \$10,000
to the Cavaliers Youth
Fund. The pizza chain's

T-shirts were featured during the Cavs' games against the Wizards on Friday in Washington. Wizards fans taunted the Cavs, who won the payoff series that night in Game 6. The shirts started after James complained about hard fouls, and Wizards center Brendan Haywood called him a crybaby. (AP)



WASTED OPPORTUNITIES

Swiss Toddlers Design Office

When creating the office space for its new European tech center in Zurich, Switzerland, Google worked with a psychologist to interview all 350 of the center's employees. The Internet giant wanted to incorporate their ideas into the work space. This granting of every office monkey's wish was immediately squandered. Apparently, the employees want meeting pods, aka to be locked into awkwardly small and claustrophobia-inducing spaces with their co-workers. Oh, and they want a winter-wonderland theme. And a stuffed penguin. Good choices, guys. (EXPRESS)

I'M BUSY

Creepiest. Party. Ever.

Bill Bramanti will love Pabst Blue Ribbon eternally, and he has the custommade beer-can casket to prove it. "I actually fit, because I got in here," said Bramanti of South Chicago Heights, Ill. The 67-year-old doesn't plan to need it anytime soon, though. He threw a party Saturday for friends and filled his silver coffin — designed in Pabst's colors of red, white and blue — with ice and his favorite brew. "Why put such

a great novelty piece up on a shelf in storage when you could use it only the way Bill Bramanti would use it?" said Bramanti's daughter, Cathy Bramanti, 42. Bramanti ordered the casket from Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home in Chicago Heights. (AP)



Still Depressed?

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For more information, contact The Nicotine Dependence Treatment Program at **1-877-857-5764**.

UNARMED GUARD: Inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary have a good reason not to escape: a 400-pound black bear. The bear was spotted wandering the grounds of the facility Friday, and Warden Burl Cain said, "It's like having an another guard at no cost to the taxpayer."



Nation

In Brief



Beauty, a rescued Alaskan bald eagle, sits in her pen near St. Maries, Idaho.

ST. MARIES, IDAHO

Eagle to Receive Artificial Beak in Surgery Next Month

She has been named Beauty, though this eagle is anything but. Part of the eagle's beak was shot off several years ago, leaving the bird with a stump that is useless for hunting food. Now a team of volunteers is working on an artificial beak that could keep the disfigured bird alive. Researchers plan to attach the beak to Beauty next month. With the beak, the 7-year-old bald eagle could live to the age of 50, although not in the wild. (AP)

NEW YORK

Crude Oil Futures Reach \$120 Per Barrel in Trading

Oil futures surged to a new record of more than \$120 per barrel Monday, raising concerns about higher prices for gasoline. Retail gas prices fell more than a cent over the weekend, but oil's advance increased the likelihood that pump prices would resume their climb. Light, sweet crude for June delivery hit \$120.36 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange before closing at \$119.97. (AP)

HEARSAY | VICTORY

"We felt that if we were going to win it, it was going to be this year. Our team was just really solid."

-DIMITRY PETRENKO, 18, ON HIS TEAM'S VICTORY MONDAY IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL. THE TEAM FROM SANTA MONICA, CALIF., BEAT OUT 66 OTHER SCHOOLS.

Gas the Primary Issue in Ind., N.C.

Clinton, Obama court working-class voters in last-minute appeals

DURHAM, N.C. | Dueling over gas prices, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama strained for every last vote on Monday, the eve ----- of the Indiana and North

Vote Carolina primaries that are the biggest prizes left in their epic Democratic nomination fight.

Her TV ads promoted her plan for a summer-long gas-tax holiday and contended she was the candidate who "gets it." He said the plan was just another Washington stunt.

A combined 187 delegates are at stake in the two states, nearly half of the pledged delegates left with eight primaries to go before voting ends in a month.

Obama was the favorite in North Carolina, but both candidates campaigned vigorously there with polls showing a tightening race since Clinton's win in Pennsylvania two weeks ago. Indiana was considered tighter, with most polls in the final days showing Clinton taking the lead.

Obama hurried back and forth between the two states, pleading



Barack Obama speaks Monday at a manufacturing plant in Durham, N.C. The state's Democratic primary will be held Tuesday.

66 It's time to quit

wringing out hands and start rolling up our sleeves."

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

for votes. "I want your vote. I want it badly," he said on a factory floor in Durham.

Clinton, also campaigning in

North Carolina, campaigned for blue-collar votes, talking about the hard times the country faces.

"It's time to quit wringing our hands and start rolling up our sleeves," she said.

In a new 30-second ad featuring drivers complaining about the price of filling up, Clinton touted her plan to cut gas taxes over the summer and said Obama was just attacking her idea "because he doesn't have one."

"Barack Obama wants you to

keep paying, \$8 billion in all," an announcer says. "Hillary is the one who gets it."

Obama said the proposal to suspend the 18.4 cents-per-gallon gasoline tax and the 24.4-cent diesel tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day would provide little in actual savings to motorists. He said oil companies would quickly raise prices to make up the difference.

"It's a stunt. It's what Washington does," Obama said in Evansville, Ind. (AP)

Study: Smoking Bans Deter Teens

Youths in smoke-free towns are less likely to develop the habit

BOSTON | A Massachusetts study suggests that restaurant smoking bans may play a big role in persuading teens not to become smokers.

Youths who lived in towns with strict bans were 40 percent less likely to become regular smokers than those in communities with no bans or weak ones, the researchers reported in the May issue of the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

The findings back up the idea that smoking bans discourage tobacco use in teens by sending the

INSIDE IS OUT

- → At least 23 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico require most public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars, to be smoke-free, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.
- → Another nine states ban smoking in workplaces but have various exemptions for restaurants or bars.

message that smoking is frowned upon in the community, as well as simply by reducing their exposure to smokers in public places, said Dr. Michael Siegel, of Boston University School of Public Health, and the study's lead author.

Siegel and his colleagues tracked 2,791 children between ages 12 and 17 who lived throughout Massachusetts. The teens were followed for four years to see how many tried smoking and how many eventually became smokers.

Overall, about 9 percent became smokers — defined as smoking more than 100 cigarettes.

In towns without bans or where smoking was restricted to a designated area, that rate was nearly 10 percent. But in places with tough bans prohibiting smoking in restaurants, just under 8 percent of the teens became smokers.

STEVE LEBLANC (AP)

Iraqi Files Suit Over Abu Ghraib

LOS ANGELES | An Iraqi man sued two U.S. military contractors Monday, claiming he was repeatedly tortured while being held at Abu



al-Janabi

Ghraib prison. Emad al-Janabi's federal lawsuit claims workers from CACI International and L-3 Communications Holdings punched him,

slammed him into walls, hung him from a bed frame and kept him naked and handcuffed in his cell. Phone messages left for CACI and L-3 C were not immediately returned Monday. (AP)

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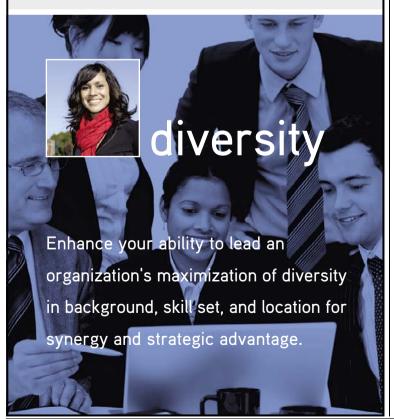
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Palfrey Goodbyes Released

'D.C. Madam' explains her suicide in letters she left for her family

TAMPA, FLA. | The woman known as the "D.C. Madam" apologized to her mother and sister in suicide notes, saying she couldn't bear going to prison and saw killing herself as the only "exit strategy."

Deborah Jeane Palfrey, convicted last month of running an elite Washington prostitution ring, wrote to her mother that she could not "live the next 6-8 years behind bars for what you and I have come to regard as this 'modern day lynching,' only to come out of prison in my late '50s a broken, penniless and verv much alone woman."

The notes were released by police

Palfrey, 52, hanged herself with a nylon rope Thursday in a shed outside her mother's mobile home northwest of Tampa.

Palfrey was convicted of running a prostitution service that catered to members of Washing-



Deborah Jeane Palfrey is seen in 2007. Palfrey, widely known as the "D.C. Madam," hanged herself last week in a shed behind her mother's home near Tampa, Fla.

ton's political elite. She denied her escort service engaged in prostitution, saving that if any of the women engaged in sex acts for money, they did so without her knowledge.

Her suicide appeared to have been planned for days. The note to her mother was dated April 25, nearly a week before she killed herself.

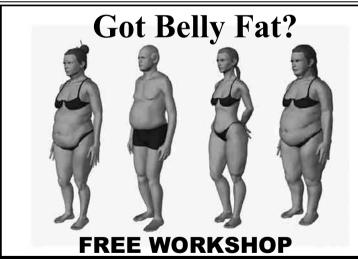
In the note to her younger sister, Bobbie, Palfrey expressed her love and told her to "be strong for

"Know I am at peace, with complete certainty. I believe Dad is standing watch — prepared to guide me into the light," she wrote. MITCH STACY (AP)

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Step up for Spring

London is starting to bloom and the spring and summer seasons are a great time to visit the city. If you're planning a trip to London and want some guidance on what to do and where to go, read on as Londoners Leona and Lynton share their local tips.



Leona

To me, London really comes alive in the springtime. The days are longer which leaves plenty of time for exploring the city. I enjoy walking through many of London's parks and gardens. Did you know that there are eight Royal Parks in the capital?

I find Greenwich particularly

pretty in the spring and summer months, the trees start to bloom and the flower and rose gardens are delightful to walk around. The park is on a hill and on a clear day there are wonderful views across the city, taking in everything from Canary Wharf to St Paul's Cathedral.

There are lots of things to do in Greenwich too. My brother

really enjoys visiting the Royal Observatory, a museum dedicated to time and space. Outside the observatory you will find the Greenwich Meridian Line, which is the point that all time is measured from. It's a great location for a photo opportunity.

I have friends visiting from New York in a couple of weeks and am going to take them to Hyde Park. I think they will really enjoy visiting the Serpentine Gallery, which has a wonderful collection of contemporary art. We'll also make sure to pass Speakers Corner where we'll find some colorful locals sharing their opinions!

In the spring and summer months, I love to grab some bread, cheese and olives from my local farmer's market and make up a picnic, it's the best way to relax - Hyde Park is such a great place for people watching. You'll see the locals on their roller blades and sometimes on horses too.



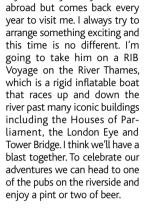
Lynton

When people ask me the best way to see London, I always reply, "on your bike!" I'm a real Londoner and a cycling addict too! There are lots of areas to explore in the city, not only the parks and open spaces but also some of the back streets; it's an interesting way to get around. If you're unfamiliar with the city, you can join a tour with the London Bicycle Tour Company. In my opinion, it's the best way to see the city like a real local.

The best way to see the city on a budget is to take a walking tour. A company called the Original London Walks, runs tours for as little as £6. The tours are themed around different topics like literary London or historic London and also give you the chance to explore less well-known areas such as Marylebone or Little Venice.

Another way to save money when visiting London, is to change your dollars at Thomas Cook foreign exchange branches. With a voucher that you can download from visitlondon.com, it will be commission free and they have

you can download from **visitlondon.com**, it will be commission free and they have really great rates. You'll also get £100 worth of vouchers for money off and discounts at lots of theaters and attractions across the city, such as 2 for 1 tickets to the Tower of London.



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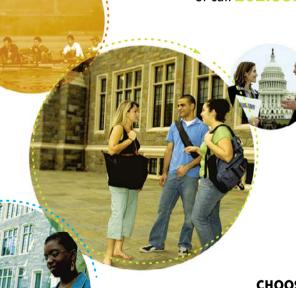
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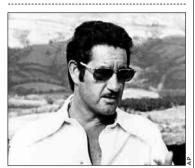




KNIGHT LIFE: France honored 39-year-old Australian singer Kylie Minogue on Monday, making her Knight in the Order of Arts and Letters for her contribution to French culture. Past recipients of the title include Ella Fitzgerald and Bob Dylan.

World

In Brief



U.S. fugitive Robert Vesco, who died in November, was in Costa Rica in 1974.

HAVANA, CUBA

Document Shows Famed U.S. Con Man Died in Cuba

Robert Vesco, the American fugitive who cooked up moneymaking schemes that allegedly involved everyone from Colombian drug lords to the families of U.S. presidents, died in Cuba and was buried almost six months ago, according to an official document. A burial record at Havana's Colon Cemetery shows that a man with the same name and birthdate died on Nov. 23 from lung cancer and was buried the next day. He was 72. (AP)

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Vice Premier Quits After Disclosing Role in Scandal

Taiwan's vice premier quit the ruling party Monday to take responsibility for a diplomatic bungle that cost the government millions of dollars. Chiou I-jen's announcement came three days after he acknowledged arranging for the Foreign Ministry to transfer \$29.8 million to a Taiwanese man acting as an intermediary in a deal to try to get Papua New Guinea to officially recognize Taiwan. Both the man, Ching Chi-ju, and the money have since disappeared. (AP)

CAIRO, EGYPT

Diaries Reveal Saddam Feared Disease in Prison

Saddam Hussein feared catching AIDS or other diseases during his U.S.-supervised captivity, a leading Arab newspaper said Monday in publishing excerpts of his prison writings. The London-based Al-Hayat said the comments came in portions of Saddam's prison diaries that it obtained from the U.S. The U.S. military confirmed some of Saddam's writings had been released. (AP)



 $A \ man \ walks \ by \ trees \ that \ were \ uprooted \ by \ a \ cyclone \ in \ Yangon, \ Myanmar, \ Monday. \ The \ junta \ indicated \ it \ would \ accept \ aid.$

Myanmar Relief Planned

Groups rush to prepare aid for cyclone victims while awaiting the OK

GENEVA | U.N. agencies and independent humanitarian groups rushed Monday to prepare assistance for victims of a devastating cyclone in Myanmar, while awaiting a formal go-ahead from the military regime in the Southeast Asian nation.

As the death toll climbed, Myanmar's isolationist government indicated a willingness to accept outside help.

Hundreds of thousands have been left homeless and without clean drinking water following Saturday's cyclone, said Richard Horsey, a spokesman in Bangkok



→ Less than ideal timing:

Myanmar's junta will be hardpressed to convince the world that this Saturday's planned vote on a new constitution will be free and fair. The government has been criticized for failing to rush aid to victims of the cyclone, angering a public already upset after the junta's crackdown on pro-democracy rallies in September 2007. (AP)

for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The diplomats said they were

told Myanmar, also known as Burma, welcomed international humanitarian aid, including urgently needed roofing materials, medicine, water purifying tablets and mosquito nets. The first 10-ton shipment was scheduled to arrive from Thailand on Tuesday.

The appeal for outside assistance was unusual for Myanmar's ruling generals, who have long been suspicious of international organizations. Several agencies, including the International Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders, have limited their presence as a consequence, (AP)

Scene of devastation: For more photos of the aftermath

of the tropical cyclone in Myanmar, visit washingtonpost.com/world.

Israeli PM Pledges to Take Steps to Help Palestinians

JERUSALEM | Israel's prime minister told the Palestinian president Monday that he understands the Palestinians need to see their lives improve if peacemaking is to succeed and pledged to take tangible steps, their aides said.

Israeli leader Ehud Olmert's comments to Mahmoud Abbas came hours after Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice raised that issue with Olmert as part of intense U.S. efforts to prod the sides toward a final peace agreement.

Negotiations between Olmert and Abbas have produced few obvious results since peace talks resumed last year.

Abbas aides said Monday the Palestinian president is giving the

negotiations two or three months more to produce progress and will consider resigning if he thinks the talks have failed.

In a possible sign of progress, a Palestinian official said the two sides had exchanged maps that suggest differences over the shape of a future Palestinian state are narrowing. Laurie Copans (AP)

Iran Calls Off Talks With U.S.

Military accuses Iran, Hezbollah of backing Shiite extremists

BAGHDAD | Iran called off further Iraq security talks with Washington until U.S. forces stop their crackdown on Shiite militias, but the military brought more air power into the fight Monday and escalated its accusations of Iranian backing for extremists.

The latest flare-up has put Iraq's government in a bind as it seeks to stamp out armed Shiite gangs but worries about angering Shiite heavyweight Iran, which has close ties to Iraq's political leadership.

The U.S. has long accused Iran of arming and training some Shiite militia factions. The accusations were sharpened Monday as the military said detainees described being trained at bases outside Tehran by militants from Hezbollah, an Iranian-aided faction based in Lebanon.

Iraq's Shiite-led government said battles against militias would continue even if Iran pulled out of the security talks. Three rounds have been held at the ambassador level since May and marked rare direct diplomatic contact between the two nations, which have had no formal relations since shortly after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

MEXICO | CINCO SPIRIT



DOGGONE EXCITED: A dog in a Mexican outfit watches festivities at a Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mexico City on Monday.

World



PAPAL PERFORMANCE: The China Philharmonic Orchestra plans to perform this week for Pope Benedict XVI, Chinese state media reported Monday. The performance at the Vatican on Wednesday, featuring Mozart's "Requiem," was initiated by the Chinese and arranged rather quickly, conductor Yu Long told China Daily.

2 Killed During Somalia Food Riots

Soldiers fire at crowd rallying against high food prices in capital

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | Troops fired into tens of thousands of rioting Somalis on Monday, killing two people in the latest eruption of violence over soaring food prices around the world.



People demonstrate against rising food prices in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Monday. Troops killed two protesters in the latest eruption of violence over food costs.

Wielding thick sticks and hurling stones that smashed the windshields of several cars and buses, the rioters jammed the narrow streets of the Somali capital.

In Mogadishu, protesters including women and children marched against the refusal of traders to accept old 1,000-shilling notes, blaming them and counterfeiters for rising food costs.

Within an hour, a reporter for The Associated Press watched their ranks swell to tens of thousands, and the riot spread to all 13 districts of the capital. Some threw rocks at shops and chaos erupted at the capital's main Bakara market.

At least four people were wounded in the violence, witnesses said.

The price of rice and other staples has risen more than 40 percent since mid-2007. The Asian Development Bank said Monday that a billion poor people in Asia need food aid. Mohamed Olad Hassan (AP)

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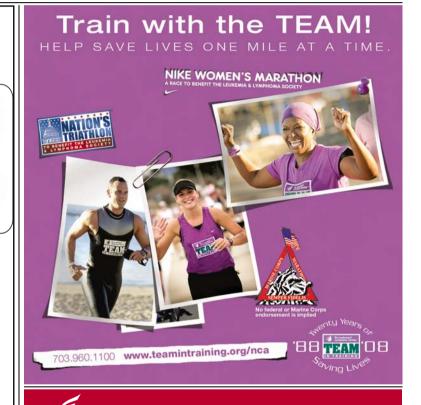
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Local

Survivors' Fund Closing

Charity to aid local 9/11 victims comes to an end after 7 years

WASHINGTON | The largest charity established to help Washingtonarea victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is closing nearly seven years after a hijacked airplane crashed into the Pentagon.

The Survivors' Fund raised \$25 million from more than 12,000 area residents and businesses after the 2001 attacks. It is the last major Sept. 11-related charity to shut down.

Most of the money — 58 percent — went toward helping families pay bills. About 14 percent of the

ACCORDING TO PLAN

- → Organizers had planned for the Survivors' Fund to last five to seven years, officials said, and the final funds were allocated in early 2008. The charity continues to assist 19 families by setting aside money in special trusts.
- → Nearly three-quarters of those affected by the Pentagon attacks said they thought the Survivors' Fund's model worked better than if the charity had disbursed lump-sum cash payments, according to a survey.

funds went to education for survivors, 11 percent helped pay for victims' medical expenses, and 14

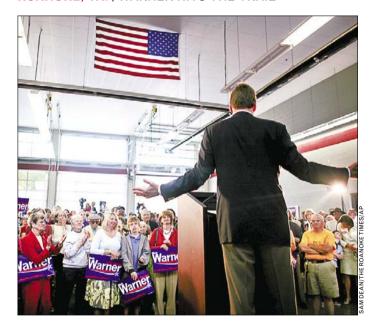
percent was spent on emotional and mental-health needs.

Although some leading charities cut large checks to the families of Sept. 11 victims, the Survivors' Fund was designed to provide long-term assistance.

The charity hired professional case managers to work with families one-on-one to help them move on with their lives. That meant paying household bills for those who fell behind and guiding survivors to medical care and mental-health counseling.

If a family's primary breadwinner had been lost, the charity helped other family members return to school and find jobs. (AP)

ROANOKE, VA. | WARNER HITS THE TRAIL



HERE I AM: Former Virginia governor Mark Warner launches his campaign for the U.S. Senate with a stop at Roanoke's Fire Station 1 Monday. The Democratic candidate promised supporters a gradual exit from Iraq.

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Monday, May 5

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 Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)
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 1-10-11-12-15

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Study: D.C. Hospitals Unprepared

Report says trauma centers ill-equipped for terrorist attack

Major trauma hospitals in Washington are ill-prepared to treat victims of a terrorist attack like the 2004 train bombing in Madrid, according to a study released Monday.

The report, by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, looked at trauma centers in seven U.S. cities, including Washington and four others considered at high risk of a terrorist attack. None of the hospitals surveyed had sufficient emergency care capacity to treat victims of a bombing like the one in Spain, the study said.

The emergency rooms at the two trauma centers studied in Washington were operating at 214 percent of capacity on average on the afternoon of March 25, when the study was carried out, the report said. They were Washington Hospital Center and George Washington University Medical Center.

MARY BETH SHERIDAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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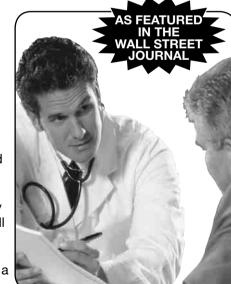


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Money



A worker stacks chicken at a Costco in California, Food inflation is expected to be prominent with meat products this year.

Pork, Poultry to Be Pricey

Meat producers are struggling to survive in squeezed economy

MONEY | Americans may get another helping of food inflation, and it seems likely to come from higher prices for chicken and pork.

Overall food inflation could double this year, lifted by the rising costs of fuel, corn and soybeans, some analysts predict.

Food inflation hit 4 percent last year, up from 2.4 percent in 2006. While beef prices were already

2.39

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high, chicken and pork prices didn't reflect record costs for feed and fuel. That's poised to change as chicken and pig producers who have been losing money slaughter more animals to decrease the supply and raise the prices they can charge.

"American consumers are only just beginning to feel the impact of sharply higher food prices," said Pilgrim's Pride Corp. Chief Executive Clint Rivers. The nation's largest chicken producer posted a financial loss Monday.

Meanwhile, pork farm losses may total \$3.8 billion for 2008, one-quar-

ter of total production, according to Chris Hurt, an economist at Purdue University. He calls the industry "a financial disaster in progress."

It will be easier for publicly traded meat producers to weather the storm than for farmer Bill Tentinger in LeMars, Iowa. Tentinger said he expects to spend \$85 per hundredweight feeding his hogs this year; at current levels, they will fetch prices in the mid \$40s when sold.

"Take that figure, times 10,000 hogs, and see if you can eat breakfast decent in the morning," Tentinger said. ELLEN SIMON (AP)

Market Action

2-year

10-year

30-year

New York Stock Exchange NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers				Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change	STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY Percent Change
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ContlRes n	50.97	+7.14	+16.3	ProvCmty	17.98	+4.97	+38.2
Nautilus	4.57	+.60	+15.1	NoAmSci rs	2.11	+.51	+31.9
WalterInds	81.58	+8.63	+11.8	VandaPhm	5.47	+1.26	+29.9
AlphaNRs	56.34	+5.81	+11.5	Iomai	2.35	06	-2.5
Losers				Losers			
Milacrn rsh	2.25	35	-13.5	HMS HId	20.06	-6.11	-23.3
IDT Cp C	3.06	37	-10.8	RRSat	11.81	-3.02	-20.4
HewittAsc	37.42	-4.48	-10.7	CitizRep	6.65	-1.45	-17.9
Indymac	3.29	39	-10.6	Yahoo	24.37	-4.30	-15.0
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l	Fed Funds close	1.88	2.31	Canadian Dollar	1.0135	1.0193	1.1072					
ı	3-month disc	1.61	1.42	European Euro	.6453	.6486	.7357					

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANG
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Amylin	28.34	14	-23.4
BiogenIdc	63.01	+.70	+10.7
BioMarin	37.41	+.64	+5.7
Celgene	65.27	+.91	+41.2
ChRvLab	57.41	54	-12.8
Genentch	67.79	+.55	+1.1
Genzyme	69.97	52	-6.0
GileadSci s	53.67	+.04	+16.6
Illumina	80.80	+2.05	+36.3
Imclone	46.22	84	+7.5
Invitrogn	93.54	78	+.1
MillPhar	24.84	01	+65.8
QIAGEN	22.08	10	+4.9
VertxPh	26.28	01	+13.1

SETTING SUN: Though Mike D'Antoni is still their coach, the Phoenix Suns granted permission for him to talk to other teams, GM Steve Kerr confirmed Monday. The Chicago Bulls and the New York Knicks are apparently the leading suitors.



Sports

In Cleveland, Celtics Will Be Tested

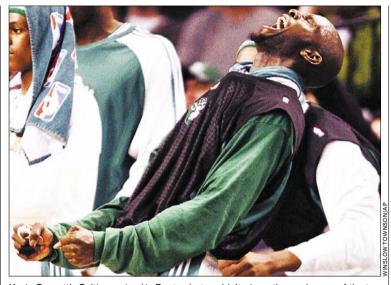
Boston knows it must play better on the road against the Cavaliers

NBA PLAYOFFS | After using their home-court advantage to the fullest, the Boston Celtics get no respite.

Next up following their sevengame survival against the Hawks will be LeBron James' Cavaliers.

"They're a group that's defending Eastern Conference champs," Kevin Garnett said Sunday, after a 99-65 rout of the Hawks sent Boston into the second round of the playoffs. "To do anything, you've got to go through them. It's good that we have home-court advantage. I think it should be a good series."

Yes, it's good for the Celtics to have the extra home game considering how badly they fared at Atlanta in a strange opening-round match-



 $Kevin\,Garnett's\,Celtics\,cruised\,in\,Boston\,but\,couldn't\,win\,on\,the\,road\,versus\,Atlanta.$

up. Boston had the best record in the league and Atlanta the worst among playoff qualifiers, yet the Celtics lost all three times on the

Hawks' court.

Boston went 66-16, 29 wins better than the young Hawks. If not for the comforts of home, who knows where the Celtics might be this week?

But they're getting ready to welcome the Cavs, who ousted Washington in the opening round. Paul Pierce was certain the Celtics wouldn't be going home for the summer.

"I really had no doubt in my mind how we were going to come out," Pierce said. "We knew that we let a couple of games get away in Atlanta, and I knew we were just going to take care of business."

Game 1 of the next series is Tuesday night.

"We all know the history of the Boston Celtics," James said. "They've been unbelievable to the history of the NBA, and this year it was good to see them back at the top, or close to the top. I haven't played there in the postseason yet, so it's going to be fun." (AP)

Swengali

WIZARDS | BY MATT SWENSON

Wizards In Bad Shape Long Term

BEING ELIMINATED from the playoffs for a third straight year is depressing enough, but the news isn't getting any better for Wizards' fans.

If you were to look at the situation objectively, one could very easily make the case that the lowly Miami Heat, the owner of the NBA's worst record this past season, is in a better situation to win a championship than our Wizards.

Based on the playoffs, it seems that your everyday, run-of-the-mill superstars just don't cut it in the postseason.

Six of the eight NBA teams left

- Detroit and Utah are exceptions
- have a historically good player.

Sadly the Wizards, have no such star. Moreover, Gilbert Arenas and

Yanks-Sox Fight Ends With Death

BASEBALL | After a Red Sox-Yankees argument spilled outside a bar, a Yankee fan aimed her car at a group of people to scare them and didn't brake, hitting and killing a man, authorities and witnesses said.

The Yankees fan, Ivonne Hernandez, was arraigned Monday on reckless second-degree murder and drunken-driving charges. She did not enter a plea. Hernandez, 43, was speeding toward a small group that included the man, Matthew Beaudoin, 29, and never hit her brakes, a prosecutor said Monday. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (8 P.M. ON MASN) Shawn Hill has been pitching well but has yet to tally a win. He gets another chance in Houston against Shawn Chacon and the Astros.

ORIOLES (10 P.M. ON MASN2) The Orioles stay out West for a three-game series against the A's.

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON TNT) LeBron James heads into Boston for the first game against the top-seeded Celtics.

No Love Between Pa.'s Hockey Towns

Pens and Flyers share a state (and hatred) but not much else

NHL PLAYOFFS | Evgeni Malkin, the Pittsburgh Penguins' Russian-born star, remains a man of few words as he learns English and its nuances.

One subject, though, gets him talking, and a lot: the Philadelphia Flyers, the opponent the 21-year-old Malkin already loves to hate.

The NHL's second-leading scorer and MVP finalist still talks about the 8-2 loss in Philadelphia on Dec. 11, how the Flyers bullied the Penguins and got them off their game by inducing fights. In an additional indignity, he remembers popcorn being dumped on the Penguins' bench by rowdy fans.

"That's one of the teams that it's really not a pleasure to play against," Malkin said. "I really don't like playing against them. I don't like that team."

Don't like the Flyers? Join the crowd, Evgeni — most Penguins fans haven't for 41 years, or since the two expansion franchises joined the NHL in 1967. The Flyers and



Pittsburgh's Jarkko Ruutu, left, hits Daniel Briere during a rivalry game on April 2.

Penguins share the state of Pennsylvania but not much else, and their rivalry has been a long, lively and, occasionally, bloody one.

Now, the in-state rivalry is taking a previously unseen turn as the Flyers and Penguins met in a conference final for the first time. With the winner advancing to play for the Stanley Cup, the Eastern Conference finals are certain to be competitive, contentious and colorful.

"What else can you ask for?" Penguins forward Ryan Malone said. "It's going to be a battle, it's going to be fun and, as a hockey player, you want to play in and be a part of [it]." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

It seems that your run-of the-mill superstars just don't cut it in the postseason.

Antawn Jamison are free agents. Jamison is a no-brainer to keep; he is the team's true leader. If Arenas opts out of his contract, Washington would be crazy to give him a maximum contract given his knee trouble and erratic behavior. A signand-trade is the best option.

Now back to the Heat, which already has Dwayne Wade and Shawn Marion and could very well end up with either Michael Beasley or Derrick Rose in the draft. If either rookie is as good as advertised, look out.

The Wizards, as currently constructed, can't beat LeBron James and finished behind Dwight Howard's Magic. Add Miami to the mix and Washington is likely to fall, unless it finds one of those rare franchise players.



To reach Matt Swenson, e-mail matt.swenson@readexpress.com

Sports

"That's what ticks me off about Chicago fans and media. They forget pretty quickly. A couple of days ago we were the [bleeping] best [stuff]. Now we're [bleep]."

- White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen to a group of Chicago media before Sunday's loss to the Blue Jays.



Clemens: Sorry for 'Mistakes'

McNamee's lawyers say affair shows star pitcher can't be trusted

BASEBALL | Roger Clemens apologized Monday for unspecified mistakes in his personal life, a statement Brian McNamee's lawyers intend to use to attack the pitcher's credibility at trial.

The New York Daily News reported last week that Clemens had a decade-long relationship with country star Mindy McCready that began when she was 15. The newspaper also linked him to former Manhattan bartender Angela Moyer and Paulette Dean Daly, a former wife of golfer John Daly.

Clemens denied having an

affair with a 15-year-old but didn't specifically address whether he had a romance with McCready. "Even though



Clemens

these articles contain many false

accusations and mistakes, I need to say that I have made mistakes in my personal life for which I am sorry," Clemens said in a statement.

"I have apologized to my family and apologize to my fans. Like everyone, I have flaws."

McNamee, Clemens' former trainer, accused the pitcher in December's Mitchell Report of using performance-enhancing drugs in 1998, 2000 and 2001, before players and owners agreed to ban them.

"I think what it says without saying it is that he apparently admits he cheated on his wife and family. And if he cheated on them, I think it's reasonable to assume that he cheated his fans and baseball," Richard Emery, one of McNamee's lawyers, said in a telephone interview. (AP)

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N.Y Yankees	17	16	.515	3	8-7	9-9					
Toronto	15	17	.469	4.5	8-7	7-10					
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Kansas City	14	16	.467	2	5-7	9-9					
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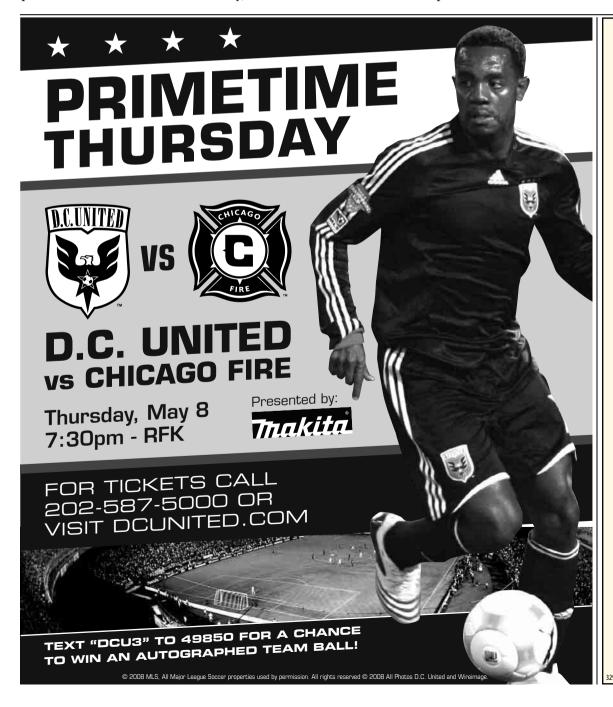
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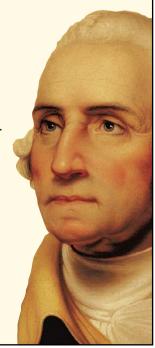
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Sports

Plucky Twins in 1st Place

Minnesota resembles group of lovable losers from 'Major League'

BASEBALL | The Minnesota Twins began their first day in full possession of first place this year by promptly falling behind 6-0 in the top half of the first inning on Sunday.

Then they came back and won.
"I think it just proves that you
can't count us out," right-hander
Boof Bonser said after giving up

Bonser was referring to both the game and the season.

those early runs in the 7-6 win.

"We're starting to come together now," he said, sounding a bit like manager Lou Brown — that crusty character in the movie "Major League" about the collection of has-been and never-will-be players that wins the pennant.

These Twins have more talent than that fictional bunch from the classic 1989 comedy, but they entered this season in a similar situ-



Joe Nathan and Nick Punto celebrate after Sunday's comeback win versus Detroit.

ation after Torii Hunter left as a free agent and Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana was traded to the Mets for four prospects.

Justin Morneau, Joe Nathan and Michael Cuddyer were given big-money contract extensions, and promising left fielder Delmon Young was acquired along with a handful of other useful players. But few viewed this club as a playoff contender.

But after five weeks, thanks in part to slow starts by the favored Tigers and Cleveland Indians, Minnesota is atop the AL Central.

"We're starting to get to know each other," backup infielder Nick Punto said, adding: "Hopefully, it only took a month, and we'll keep rolling." DAVE CAMPBELL (AP)

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Trainer Backs Derby Jockey

Rider Saez is at center of controversy after Eight Belles' death

HORSE RACING | The trainer of euthanized filly Eight Belles adamantly defended the way jockey Gabriel Saez handled the Kentucky Derby runner-up.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Larry Jones said Saez applied the whip only to prevent Eight Belles from crashing into the rail.

"This filly in every race has tried to drift toward the rail," Jones said.

"It's her comfort zone, and Gabriel knows this. This kid made every move the right move, and I hate

it that they're wanting to jump down his throat. He did not try to abuse that horse to make her run faster. He knew he was second best, that she



Jones

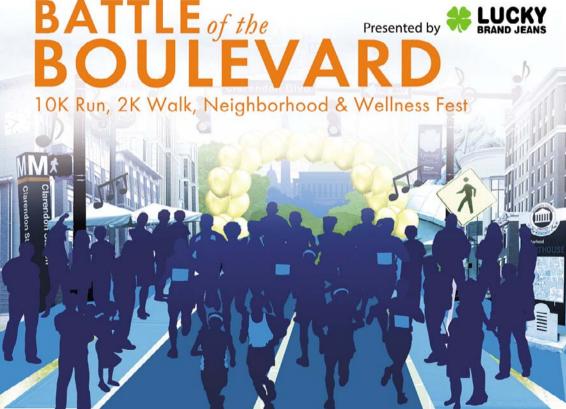
wasn't going to catch Big Brown."

Jones spoke while traveling from Churchill Downs to Delaware with his other prized filly, Kentucky Oaks winner Proud Spell. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals called for Saez to be suspended, contending he should have noticed an injury and pulled the horse up rather than applied the whip. Calls Monday to the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority were not immediately returned.

Eight Belles broke both front ankles while galloping out a quarter-mile past the finish line and was euthanized on the track.

Jones said he has watched the race from various angles and found that not only did Saez do nothing wrong, but he did everything right.

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NO GRAMMY WINNER LEFT BEHIND: Tennessee country music star Gretchen Wilson has added another accolade to sit beside her Grammy Award. Wilson, 34, has earned her GED and will graduate from high school in a ceremony May 15.

Entertainment

Luck Be a Gentleman

Family man Kutcher returns to his wild roots with 'Vegas'

GAMBLING | Ashton Kutcher enjoyed some wild times in Las Vegas during his bachelor days. There was the night, for example, when the Hollywood hunk wound up on a stage dancing with porn stars and providing backup rap vocals for the Digital Underground.

Of course, that was before Kutcher met and married actress Demi Moore and became stepfather to her three daughters.

His wild partying days behind him, the 30-year-old former "That '70s Show" star calls himself "the most happilyst married guy on the planet."

Happilyst?

"I'm making up words," he says with a chuckle.

While Kutcher is certain he's found the woman with whom he hopes to spend the rest of his life, such is not the case with his character in the romantic comedy "What Happens in Vegas," opening Friday. Not initially, that is.

As Jack Fuller, Kutcher is a commitment-phobic party guy who winds up hitched to Joy (Cameron Diaz), a recently dumped doormat, after a drunken night of



TAKE A CHANCE ON LOVE: Ashton Kutcher finds wedded bliss — eventually with the help of a slot machine jackpot and 25 cents in "What Happens In Vegas."

revelry in Sin City. The next morning, the newlyweds discover their folly and agree to go their separate ways. There's just one problem. He's won \$3 million on a slot machine with her quarter. So, who gets the money? An ornery divorce court judge (Dennis Miller) orders them to six months of hard marriage. At the end of their "sentence," they can go their separate ways and split the money. But if either fails to make an effort to make their union work, the other gets all the loot.

Kutcher was drawn to the role because he liked the script and wanted to work with Diaz. "She may be the only true comedic leading lady in our business now who has really honed [her] craft," he savs.

Kutcher says he could relate to some aspects of his character. "I'm very competitive," he reports. "I understand his desire to escape and not wanting to be under the thumb of somebody else. His sort of recklessness relates to my life."

Another aspect of Jack's personality that Kutcher responded to was his win-at-all-costs attitude. "I hate losing anything," he says in a dead serious tone. "I get upset with myself and then I become sort of obsessively geared towards never letting it happen again." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



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LIV WARFIELD

Voice Like Honey

Indie soul singer Liv Warfield has a smooth, sensual sound that melds R&B, gospel and soul. It's not exactly unexpected, but it's good solid music, and it's worth a night's listen. The Portland, Ore.-based Warfield's songs are bluesy and lovely, and her voice is nothing to sneeze at, either. As always with Blues Alley, there are two shows

→ Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., \$20, 202-337-4141.



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→ Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE; 12 p.m., free; 202-707-5000. (Capitol South)

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Brothers in Arms

David Was and David Was, frontmen of Was (Not Was), are not really brothers. And those aren't their real names. But their music really is great and bouncy and fun

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defied all the odds

TOP FOUR | This might be Syesha Mercado's last week on "American Idol." And she should be ecstatic

Not because she'll be leaving the hit show — that's a tough break in any case. But because she outlasted, outperformed and outsang all of the female competitors and all but

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three of the wildly popular men in this season's formidable lineup.

And she's had to fight for her survival each step of the way, landing near the bottom of the contestant pack a record-tying five times at least without losing her spot in the mix.

The secret to her success? It's

tough to say, since the "Idol" audience can be as unpredictable as a Gulf Coast hurricane, but her continued improvement onstage is surely a factor. She dazzled during Andrew Lloyd Webber week and showed off an impressive range with the songs of Neil Diamond.

Could Syesha displace a flailing Jason Castro on Wednesday and live to fight another week? You'd think not. But it seems this underdog has an unending supply of new tricks. GREG BARBER (EXPRESS)

Svesha Mercado has fought her way from the bottom up on "American Idol."



WALKING GIRL: No one doubts she's hard-driving. But she has never learned to drive, Barbara Walters reveals in her new memoir, "Audition." The 612-page book also says Sir Laurence Olivier told her she looks better when filmed on the left.

Lowe Down on Singer

Indie group's leading man is hoping to win over the open-minded

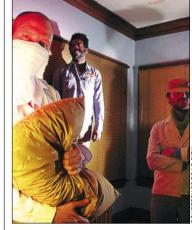
MUSIC | Singer may be an indie-rock supergroup of sorts, but don't expect its members to play that up. In fact, the Chicago-based band would be happiest if you forgot who they were.

"I imagine that it's probably harmful," said singer-bassist Rob Lowe of the band's pedigree. (And this is the Rob Lowe from the mathrockers 90 Day Men and the more ambient personal project Lichens, not from TV shows.)

"People will have preconceived notions of what the music is going to be," he said. "That happens with anything, but when you have a past, when you have a body of work, people will judge you on that."

"I would hope that [people] approach it with an open mind, but I know that I would be a fool to think that."

Singer's illustrious-for-underground-music makeup also includes two members of noise-rock outfit U.S. Maple, and one from avantgarde minimalists Town & Country. The group's music is sparse, tense,



Singer plays a sparse, tense version of rock inspired by legend Chuck Berry.

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arrhythmic, sprawling, deconstructed rock 'n' roll.

Yes, straight-up rock 'n roll, a la Chuck Berry.

Well, at least that's what Lowe claims

"We're writing pop songs," he stated, before recanting. "Well, not pop songs, but we're writing rock 'n' roll music, but taking it out of context. We're taking all the things

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we've listened to over the years and applied that to what we do.

"It is rock, but will people perceive it as that? I don't know. It would be great if they did."

And it's not that Singer sounds like Berry, but Lowe said the band uses a similar approach to that of the icon.

"When Chuck Berry was doing it, it was such a new art form and his take on it — people were kind of caught off guard by the way he played the guitar because it was a totally different thing. ... I would hope that people could apply that in the same way," Lowe explained, then quickly added: "Not to say we're as important as that, by any means." KATHERINE SILKAITIS

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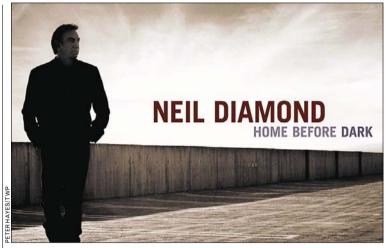
Gem of a Team

Neil Diamond again pairs with '12 Songs' producer on new disc

OLD TIMERS | Neil Diamond doesn't mess with success. That's why he "never doubted" he'd work again with producer Rick Rubin, who steered their 2005 collaboration, "12 Songs," to a No. 4 debut on the Billboard 200, Diamond's best since "The Jazz Singer" in 1982. The album has sold 571,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Indeed, Diamond, 67, says he and Rubin began working on "Home Before Dark." due May out 6 via Columbia, "within weeks after '12 Songs' was finished. All of those questions you have when you work with somebody new were yesterday's news. We knew what we wanted to do."

So, after "14 or 15 months" of writing, Diamond hit the studio with Rubin and an improvisationally leaning band featuring guitarists Mike Campbell, Matt Sweeney and Smokey Hormel, and keyboardist Benmont Tench. Dixie Chicks vocalist Natalie Maines chipped in on "Another Day (That Time Forgot)," Diamond's first



Neil Diamond's new album features his first major duet with a female since 1978.

major duet with a female voice since "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" with Barbra Streisand in 1978.

As with "12 Songs," the material on "Home Before Dark" is drumless, with Diamond's still-commanding voice front and center and his rhythm guitar, which he went three decades without playing in the studio, guiding the way for the other instrumentalists. On "Whose Hands Are These" and the title track, Diamond hammered out the final arrangements (with Tench and Sweeney, respectively) after the regular session was over for the day.

"Working with these guys, and having Rick's ear, made it a great deal of fun," Diamond says. "Of course, I had to have the enthusiasm of the band, and their consent, in a way. When I played them a new song, I wanted them to love it and feel where they belonged in it. I was lucky enough to receive that on all of these songs. They'd be playing along and looking for their places even before I'd finish the first runthrough. It was magic, in a way." JONATHAN COHEN (BILLBOARD)

Costello Is Back in the

ELVIS LIVES | Ever since the brilliant sprint of Elvis Costello's first four or five albums, fans have been pining for the proverbial return to

Over the years, there have been plenty of contenders — 2002's 'When I Was Cruel" and 2004's "Delivery Man" are the most recent - but Costello tends to lose himself in ambitious genre exercises, attempting, with mixed results, to



Costello cut "Momofuku" in a week.

master everything from country

"Momofuku," named either for the inventor of instant noodles or for a hip New York eatery, was cut in a week by Costello, the Imposters (his classic Attractions lineup, less bassist Bruce Thomas) and a cast of young ringers, including Jenny Lewis and Jonathan Rice.

The album is available only as a digital download or two-LP set (a CD version is due out later this month), and the vinyl format befits its loose, organic feel. Costello is as tuneful as ever, and whether he's revisiting his rock past ("No Hiding Place") or playing the leader of a dark lounge band ("Harry Worth"), he's relaxed and in his element.

The new songs aren't exactly rock, pop, alt-country or neo-new wave, although they contain elements of those and other styles. Even if it's not as essential as his late-'70s masterpieces, "Momofuku" is unmistakably an Elvis Costello record. Kenneth Partridge (THE HARTFORD COURANT)



AND TO THINK THEY CANCELED IT ONCE: "Family Guy" writer Seth MacFarlane will be the highest paid writer in television upon signing a new contract with 20th Century Fox TV. MacFarlane will be working at least through 2012.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

SUSPENSE

The top four compete on **AMERICAN IDOL** (8 p.m., Fox).

SUSTAINABLE CHIC

BIG IDEA FOR A SMALL PLANET (9 p.m., Sundance) looks at environmentally conscious trends in the fashion business.

CRABBY SAILORS

Short tempers and live wires on **DEADLIEST CATCH** (9 p.m., Discovery).

CAFFEINE MADE ME DO IT

A coffee tycoon falls under suspicion on LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (10 p.m., NBC).

GREEK TRAGEDY

Murder on frat-house row on **WOMEN'S MURDER CLUB** (10 p.m., ABC).

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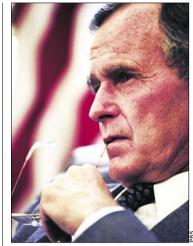
Craig Ferguson hosts John Goodman on THE LATE, LATE SHOW (12:37 a.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

A Past President

New Bush biography smooths over the father-son strife

PRESIDENT | The "American Experience" (9 p.m., PBS) profile of President George H.W. Bush concludes with a look at the first Gulf War, the end of the Cold War and the last years of his presidency, when he battled a bad economy while beset by criticism from Democrats and from Pat Buchanan and the conservative wing of his own party.

We're told that Bush lived the life that Reagan could only pretend to live. Bush was a real war



JOHN ADAMS II: George H.W. Bush sits and contemplates the universe.

hero and a genuine family man, while Reagan phoned in the Hollywood version. In tonight's summary, a historian friendly with the 41st president argues that without Bush's deft handling of the collapse of communism and his unpopular tax-raising approach to deficit control, Reagan's aftermath would have been a much messier affair.

The profile also makes much of Bush's troubled relationship with the Republican right. But Bush's relationship with the current president goes strangely unexamined.

That relationship could make for a real potboiler. It's no secret that W repudiated his father when he talked of being in the Reagan tradition and claiming allegiance to a "higher" father. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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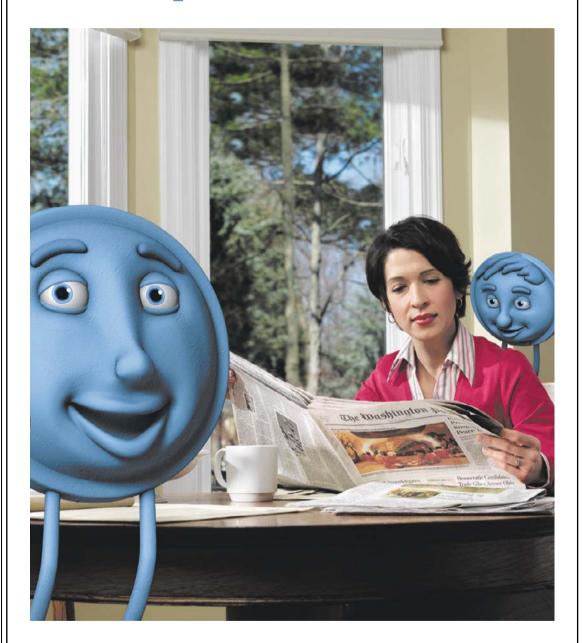
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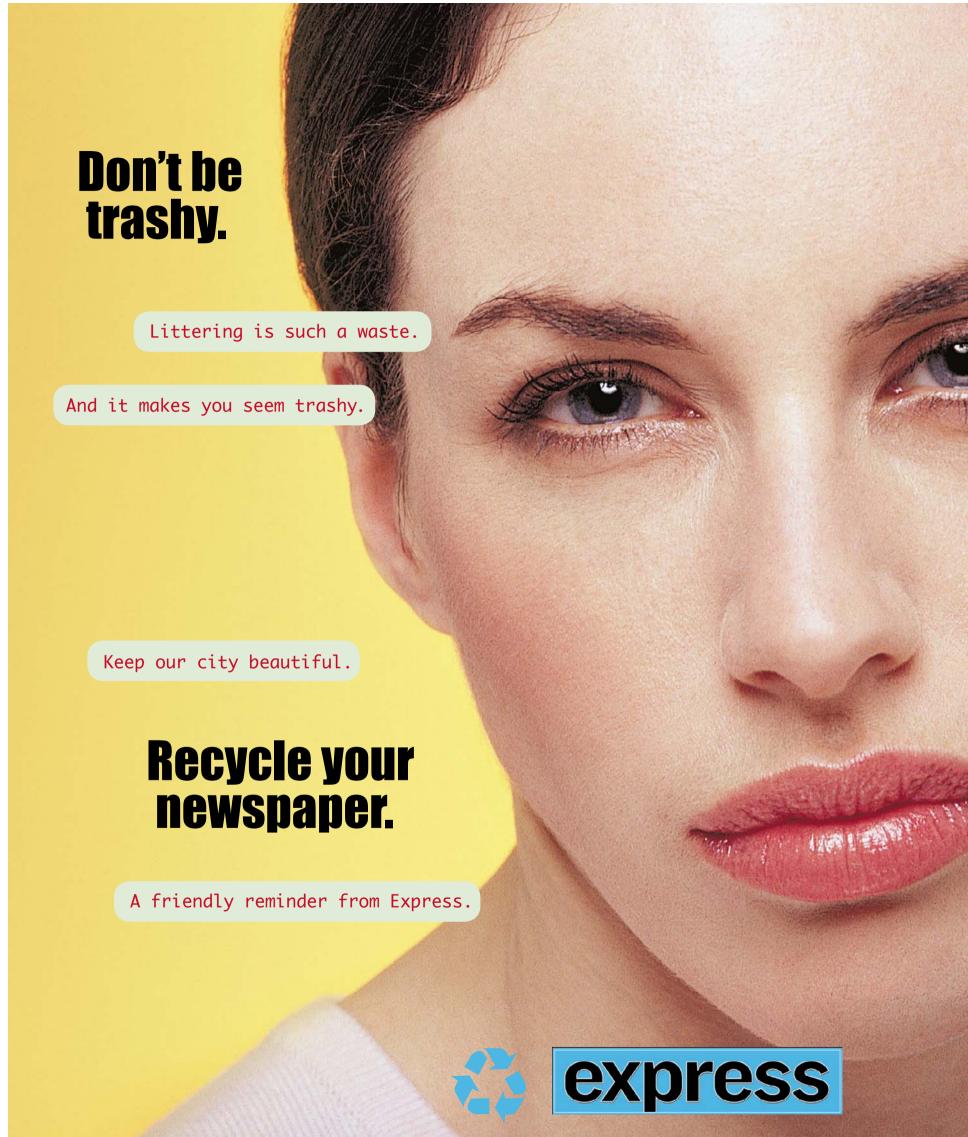
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Science

Researchers use a robotic squirrel to learn about real ones

One gray squirrel, its bushy tail twitching, barked a warning as another scrounged for food nearby.

It was an ordinary spring day at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., except that the rodent issuing the warning was powered by amps, not acorns.

Dubbed "Rocky" after the cartoon character, the robo-squirrel is working its way into Hampshire's

live-squirrel clique, controlled by researchers several yards away with a laptop computer and binoculars.

Sarah Partan, an assistant professor in animal behavior at Hampshire, hopes that by capturing a close-up view of squirrels in nature, Rocky will help her team decode squirrels' communication techniques, social cues and survival instincts.

Rocky is among many robotic critters worldwide helping researchers observe animals in their natural environments rather than in labs. The research could let scientists better understand how animals work in groups, court, intimidate rivals and warn allies of danger.



BUSHY-TAILED IMPOSTER: Robotic squirrel Rocky is used at Hampshire College.

NSIDE

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SQUIRREL SURVEILLANCE: A Hampshire College professor and a student track a robo-squirrel and its effect on real animals.

In Indiana, for instance, a fake lizard shows off its machismo as researchers assess which actions intimidate and attract real lizards. Pheromone-soaked cockroach counterfeits in Brussels, meanwhile, exert peer pressure on real roaches to move out of protective darkness.

The research may even help explain similar instinctive behav-

circuits and other material. Partan, who created Rocky a few years ago with students when she taught at the University of South Florida, is constantly refining its actions and updating its technology.

Rocky's movement is controlled by basic computer programs, and it has tiny speakers inside that play recordings Partan purchased from an animal-sounds library at near real squirrels. Mounted on a board, he was shielded by a camouflage hood. A long cord connected him to the researchers' laptop.

After the computer's program flipped the hood open, Rocky began tail-flagging, barking and making other motions squirrels recognize as warnings of danger.

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Robo-Rodents

iors in humans, researchers say.

"Animals and humans are all affected by behaviors, body postures and signals from each other that we may not be aware of," Partan said.

The use of fake critters to infiltrate real groups of animals is so new that few companies build or sell such tools to researchers.

Many of the scientists using animal doppelgangers have modified toy animals or, like Partan and her students, cobbled together their own with fake fur, small motors,

Cornell University.

One recent afternoon, she and students Maya Gounard, 20, and Andrew Fulmer, 19, brought Rocky out for field testing and placed him

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rels respond by "flagging" their own tail, halting their foraging to check for danger, scamper up a tree or take other actions that show they picked up on the signals, Partan said.

"We watch for a trade-off in their behavior," she said, pointing out a squirrel that jerked to its hind legs and froze, its eyes scanning the area as it heard Rocky's barks. "He gave up foraging to focus on being vigilant, so that's something we'd note as a discernible response."



Zest for Sour Lemons

Beverages

For many, lemonade is the quintessential summertime drink

After nearly a decade in the lemonade business, Josh Thomas is looking forward to handing off some of his responsibilities to a successor. But he'll probably wait until his brother turns 4, the same age he was when he opened his awardwinning stand.

At age 13, Thomas has shown a shrewd business sense when it comes to marketing the lemonade stand he sets up each summer at two community festivals near his home in Silverton, Ore. But he's also tinkered with his recipe over the years to create a product that pleases both the eye and the palate.

"Since I sell a lot, I use lemonade concentrate, fresh lemons dipped in sugar, then extra sugar for a sweeter taste," says Josh, who displays his lemonade in a clear container with



There is a lemonade recipe to suit every taste — from sweet and subtle to sour.

lemon slices bobbing alongside ice cubes made from frozen juice. "I keep making fresh batches; that way people can smell it and it attracts them to the stand."

Josh doesn't set up his stand until August, but lemonade season is upon us. And when it comes to this quintessential summer drink, there is a lemonade recipe to suit

// It's as nostalgic

as Mom's meatloaf. We all have some memories of [lemonade] as a child."

FRED THOMPSON, AUTHOR

every taste, from simply squeezed blends of lemon, water and sugar to upscale concoctions infused with fruit and herbs.

Fred Thompson, author of the cookbook "Lemonade," calls lemonade "comfort food in a glass."

"It's as nostalgic as Mom's meatloaf," he says. "We all have some memories of it as a child. ... It's sort of this sense of generations that, quite frankly, we don't have a lot of these days."

The taste of lemonade is satisfying because it combines sweet and sour flavors, he says. "If made appropriately, it's sort of an exciting thing to have in your mouth."

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National Weather for Tuesday, May 6

Appropriately is the key word. There is no circumstance under which powdered lemonade mix is acceptable, other than to add a bit of flavor to iced tea, Thompson says.

To me, lemonade is about fresh. It's about bold," he says. "It's like using fresh herbs at the last minute in a savory dish."

Along those lines, Thompson also steers clear of bottled, reconstituted lemon juice.

In a pinch, store-bought lemonade can be transformed into a reasonably good beverage by adding the juice of a few fresh lemons and their rinds and refrigerating the mixture overnight, he says.

Some of Thompson's recipes also include frozen lemonade concentrate mixed with fresh ingredients.

But for truly tasty lemonade, fresh lemon juice and zest are critical, he says, and you don't need a fancy juicer.

"I still like old-fashioned, simple reamers," he says. "They're as effective as anything else, easy to store, and they don't cost a lot of money."

Thompson also suggests sweetening lemonade with superfine sugar, because it dissolves more quickly than conventional granulated sugar. A simple syrup (made by boiling water and sugar) also is good. HOLLY RAMER (AP)

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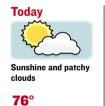
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Styles





a lot sexier than the two-pieces. It's chic, sexy and modern."

SUZE YALOF SCHWARTZ, GLAMOUR

piece with a minidress effect that goes over a model's hips. "It's kind of Marilyn if you think about it in 'Some Like It Hot."

Designer Melissa Odabash says one-piece bathing suits with cutaways can give many women what they're looking for. If you want to hide your tummy, choose a bandeau with an open back — it looks like a bikini from the back but gives full coverage in the front. For those who need bust support but have toned abs, an option is a halter-style top with cutouts below the bust.

"A halter shows off shoulders, gives a little lift to the bust but doesn't flatten you out in the way that tank straps do," she says.

Ruching also can be a woman's best friend, thanks to the camouflage it can provide to any bumps and bulges, Odabash explains, and a little bit of a tan helps mask any skin imperfections.

She discourages any dowdy onepiece suits with oversize neon-colored floral prints. It's more flattering to wear something chic, she says: perhaps a metallic or animal-print, or something simple in brown, black or white.

As a Brit, Odabash observes that the American audience tends to be more conservative and practical than those across the pond. Europeans put on a show when they hit the beach — and rarely dip their toes into the water, she says,

while Americans want an easy suit-and-coverup combination that will hold up.

"If you're doing other things than just laying on the beach, you want a covered-up suit and thicker fabric cover-up, and it's a flipflop, not a high heel."

Beauty



Oh, Baby: It's Pretty

You remember that oh-so-popular saying, "bronze as a baby's bottom"? No? Never heard of it? Well, that might have something to do with the fact that most people don't usually associate being tan with bare naked infants. Yet ... Enter Lancome. New for this season is their STAR BRONZER IN SUN CHERUB (\$50, Lancomeusa.com), a "sensual" (seriously, their words) bronzing powder emblazoned with an exposed baby Cupid and his chubby hind quarters. Oddly chosen imagery aside, it's a decent bronzer, and it comes in a giant pan. So, if the baby derriere doesn't freak you out, feel free to enjoy and get your glamorous glow On, ERIN CLEMENTS RUSHING

Fashion



The Perfect Saturday There's an overwhelming array of

activities planned for this Saturday's

ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD DAY (Arlingtonva.us), from tree planting to a 10K race. For those with a simple urge to splurge (Don't forget: Mother's Day is Sunday!), there's the BALLSTON ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET (10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ballstonarts-crafts market.blogspot.com). While the market will run monthly on the second Saturday through October (N. Fairfax and Stuart Streets), this kickoff event will feature a free concert by Exit Clov at noon. Good tunes and eggs 'n' bacon cuff links by indepen-

dent vendors like Inedible Jewelry?

'Nuff said! kris coronado (express)

More... Is More

This one-piece by Melissa

Odabash is likely to make a splash when it comes to swimwear this season.

Say goodbye to your bikini and try a sexy one-piece this season

If you're hoping to make a splash poolside this season, try a one-piece bathing suit.

It's a dose of retro style that falls in line with the overall fashion of more modest looks. More is more, with an emphasis on chic cover-ups, flattering Lycra-enhanced fabrics and goddess-like silhouettes.

"I'm feeling that one-pieces are a lot sexier than the two-pieces," says Suze Yalof Schwartz, fashion editor at large at Glamour. One of her favorite swimsuits is a Norma Kamali draped maillot that could almost be described as a skirt suit with a deep plunging neckline. "It's chic, sexy and modern. It allows for a little imagination."

Designer Carmen Marc Valvo says the more conservative approach to swimwear could be a reaction to the times: There's a war, economic downturn and a general malaise in the air. But, he adds with a laugh, there's nothing like a beautiful, glamorous woman in a swimsuit to take your mind off your woes.

"This is a stunning suit," says Valvo, highlighting a strapless one-



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Crossing Over

Baltimore's the Bridge was shocked when 1,200 people showed up at its album release party in 2006 and the jam-band-by-association has been blowing up ever since. The Bridge plays the Sante Fe Café in College Park on Tuesday, and Rudi Greenberg spoke with mandolinist Kenny Liner. | COMING UP





Damage Report

Eric Navarro's memoir of his time in Iraq, "God Willing: My Wild Ride With the New Iragi Army," is crude, eyeopening, disturbing, disheartening—and amazing. Tim Follos spoke with Navarro, who reads at the Library of Congress at noon on Tuesday. | COMING UP

ENTERTAINMENT

Dynamic Duo

Shy Child is a rocktronica two some that features keytar and drums. The band also played Wembley Stadium last June, opening for Muse. The next big thing? Shy Child plays the 9:30 Club on Tuesday, and Katherine Silkaitis spoke to drummer Nate Smith. | соміна ир

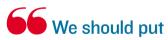


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COMMENTER MILES TOGOGH, WHO ADDED, "DOUGLASS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO D.C. TRAN-SCEND RACE AND REPRESENT [SOME] OF THE FINER MOMENTS IN D.C.'S HISTORY.'



Marion Barry on the D.C. quarter. The people of D.C. elected him mayor three times - once after he had been convicted of smoking crack!'

COMMENTER WE WANT BARRY!!, WHO ADDED, "LET'S KEEP IT REAL AND SHOWCASE [THOSE] WHO SHOW D.C. THE WAY IT IS NOW!



These are the people who have

made significant contributions to D.C.? Come on. This is a joke. Just put Marion Barry on the quarter."

COMMENTER CHRIS, RESPONDING TO MONDAY'S POLL CEN-TER QUESTION. "WHICH FINALIST DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON HE D.C. QUARTER?"

policenter Yesterday's Results as of 5 p.m.

WHICH FINALIST DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON THE D.C. **QUARTER?**

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20% Benjamin Banneker



"People who would never think of picking up a controller will happily strap on a plastic guitar and pretend to be Ace Freely."

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days up here in Bethesda.'

Discussions

Racehorse Death

Post columnist SALLY JENKINS was online Monday to discuss the death of filly Eight Belles, who was put down at the Kentucky Derby after her collapse on the track, and the future of



I'm a lover of all animals, though not an animal rights activist. Do you think the common use of the

term "broke down" in horse racing circles acts as a way of distancing one from the life-and-death issues? This is something everyone in North American thoroughbred racing knows and discusses. Ask any trainer at any track, and they will tell you the Triple Crown is not good for horses in about eight different ways.

As a longtime Kentucky resident and horse racing fan, I wonder whether we should lend any credence to PETA's calls for suspension of the jockey. It seems as though the horse just put everything she had into it, and there really wasn't any way the jockey could have prevented it.

I'm with you. I think PETA's statements today [Monday] are rash. I'd like to see a lot more evidence before I blame the jockey.

You mentioned what is wrong, but what can be done to correct or improve the status quo?

There is mounting evidence that synthetic tracks keep horses safer. But to date, 120 out of 129 tracks in North America are still dirt. Churchill Downs is a hard, fast, dirt track. Horse people are almost unanimous in that 3-year-olds are very young to be facing the arduousness of a Triple Crown effort; they are adolescents competing in the physical equivalent of a Super Bowl.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Post Garden Editor Adrian

Higgins offers advice on gardening at II a.m. now that spring is here | washingtonpost.com/discussions.



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Bizarro | Dan Piraro



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Hidden away, deep in the woods, Bob enters a number in the wrong column. An isolated mistake.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is no time to waste during the first part of the day, when you are using energy planning rather than doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to allow others a little more leeway. Don't be so quick to criticize, and avoid becoming too protective of those in your care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Though you may expect to have your comeuppance, the fact is that a superior is likely to recognize your strengths and offer advancement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can't have it both ways, and you must take care that you don't seem to be hypocritical in your views or actions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your preparations are nearing completion, but something quite mysterious may be afoot that could very well throw a wrench in the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Adopt a more

old-fashioned attitude, and you'll win the sudden respect of those who have been around a lot longer than you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Continue to voice your opinions openly—but choose your words and your timing with great care. You don't want to go unheard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It may be time for you to reverse your course, at least temporarily, in order to indulge what someone else may call a whim.

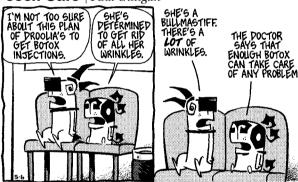
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's up to you to give a top-notch performance. Remember not to stray too far from the truth, however; your audience will surely know.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your first impressions are likely to be mistaken, but you'll be quick to adjust and to greet what comes as the right thing at the right time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's time to do some fence mending while tending to routine business simultaneously. You can cope with more than that at times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make yourself available to more positive things in your life, and you'll enjoy almost immediate rewards. Almost anything is possible.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

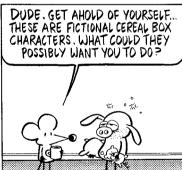


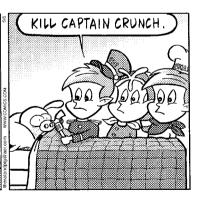


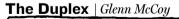


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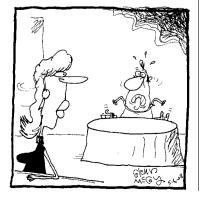












The Hindenburg crashed and burned in Lakehurst, N.J., on this day in 1937.

Today in History

TheUniversalExpositionin Paris formally opens, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower. The German dirigible Hindenburg crashes and burns in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman

Medical student Roger Bannister broke the fourminute mile during a track meet in Oxford,

on the ground.

England, in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

■ Yale architecture student Maya Ying Lin is named winner of a competition to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth 1994 II and French President Francois Mitterrand open the Channel Tunnel between their countries.

Conservative Nicolas **2007** Sarkozy wins the French presidency over socialist Segolene Royal.





People



"Life is like an election ... uh, go, Obama!"

A-Lister Sways Opinions of **Gump Groupies Everywhere**

TOM HANKS is supporting presidential hopeful BARACK OBAMA. Hanks has pledged his support on his MySpace.com page. (AP)

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Britain's Prince Harry Is Honored for Service

PRINCE HARRY blushed and strug-



gled to contain a smile on Monday as his aunt, Princess Anne, pinned the Operational Service Medal for Afghanistan

to his desert fatigues. (AP)



Van Wilder **T**amed

SCARLETT JOHANSSON and her boyfriend, RYAN REYNOLDS, are engaged. The 23-year-old actress and the 31-year-old actor have not set a wedding date, Johansson's publicist said Monday. Johansson's recent credits include "The Other Boleyn Girl" and "The Nanny Diaries." Reynolds recently starred in "Definitely, Maybe." He was previously engaged to ALANIS MORISSETTE. (AP)

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Thurman's Stalker Has Weirdo-Face **Down Pat**

A Manhattan prosecutor says a former mental patient "terrified" actress UMA

THURMAN by stalking and harassing her for more than two years. Jessica Taub said in Monday's closing arguments that JACK JORDAN's trial "is not about a man in love." Defense lawyer George Vomvolakis He's even more freaky-looking than we expected!

concedes that Jordan's behavior was obsessive. But he says his client never meant to scare,

harass, annoy or alarm the actress. Jordan faces up to a year in jail if convicted of aggravated harassment and stalking the star of "Pulp Fiction," "Kill Bill" and other films. (AP)



Aiken's Very Utterance of The Word 'Sexy' Is Horrifying

CLAY AIKEN is realistic about his niche in the musical landscape. "I'm not cool, you know what I mean? I'm not gonna lie," the good-humored singer said in a recent interview. "I'm not trying to be Justin Timberlake. Thank God we have him, but I'm not him. ... I'm not gonna bring anybody's sexy back." The "American Idol" alum was the first non-winner to release a successful album, "Measure of a Man." (AP)

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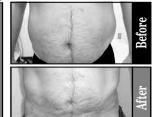
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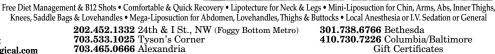
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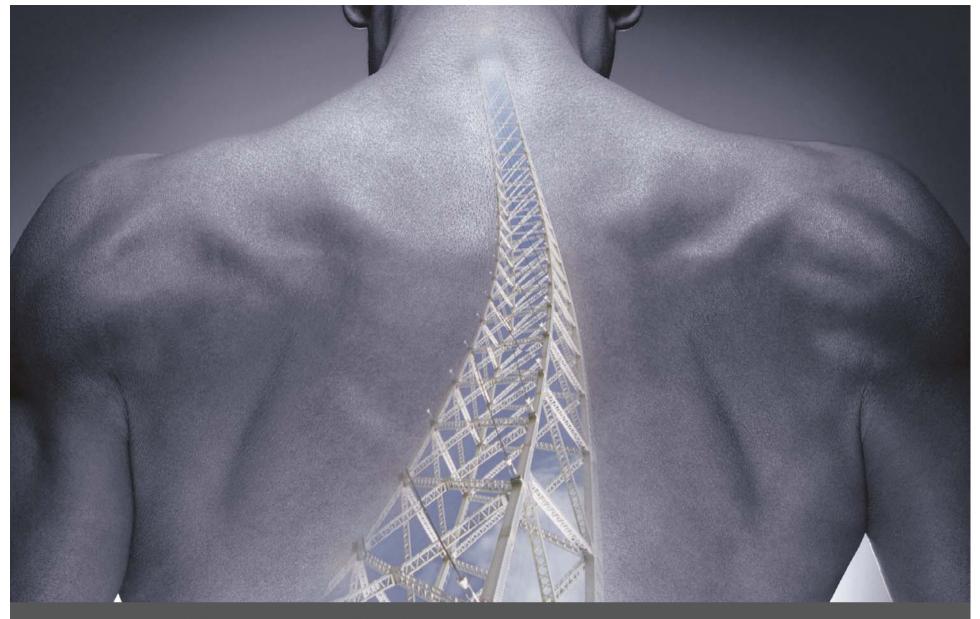
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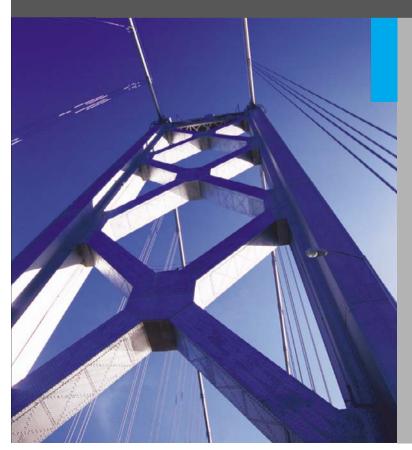
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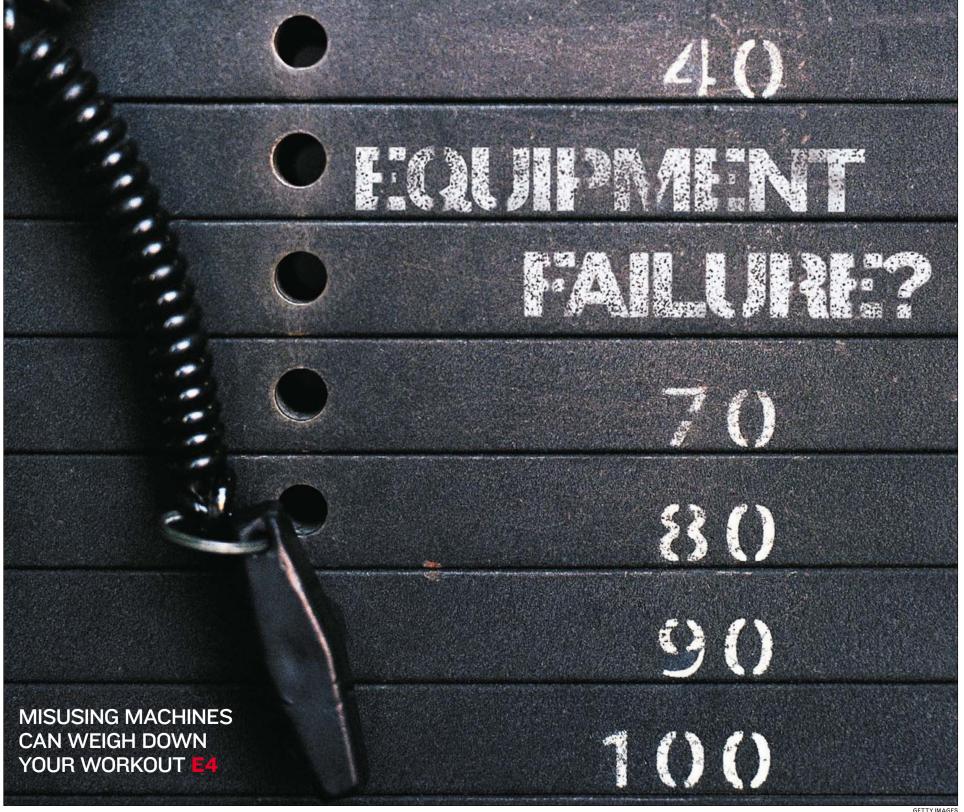




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Who Secretly Hates Whom In This Story?

Mv dad is mv best friend. Ever since he got married for the second time, his new wife and I have always clashed (she secretly hates me, and I know it). My father mentioned recently that he is coming soon to visit me, and I know she is going to be with him. How do I act all cool around him while trying not to lose it around her? (I feel that I have to fight for his attention now that she's around.) - ME VERSUS HER

Anytime someone claims that "she secretly hates me," I have to wonder whether he or she got his or her pronouns mixed up. Let's be honest — you are not a fan of your father's wife. That's no sin, but you first have to step back and examine whether you're being a bit defensive. It's understandable that when your



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parent (especially your best friend) marries someone who sits as well with you as last week's kimchi. things can get a little painful. But don't make things worse for yourself by exaggerating her offenses, therefore amplifying your upset. In fact, since your father decided to marry her, there has to be more to this story than the fact that she's simply a hagbeast.

If you are truly as close to your father as it seems, I can't imagine a better option than trying to talk to him about your discomfort. This is not an excuse to bash who he's chosen to spend his life with, but it should be an opportunity for you to tell him that you feel like you're having a hard time connecting with her, and that indeed you don't like feeling like you have to fight for his attention. This honesty has the potential to provide much more relief than just biting your lip as you imagine spraying the vinaigrette into her eyes. If your dad can affirm your place in his heart, you can try to start fresh with his wife, even if she still is as appealing as a snakeskin sandwich.

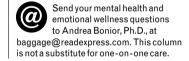
Prove Your Worth at Work

I work at a decent job doing bottom-of-thebarrel work. I love it there, but a private matter in March forced me to be tardy the days I was scheduled to work. I told my boss, who was OK with it, as I have been on time ever since. But when the schedules came out, for the eighth time in a row, everyone got hours except me. I was baffled. I had been working my butt off there since last

year, and now I fear that my bosses want to get rid of me. How do I convince them that I won't go back on my past mistakes and will be a good employee for the company?

- NO LONGER TARDY

In two ways — by telling and by doing. Continue, of course, being on time now's not the time to flirt with your snooze alarm — but you probably should have an additional talk with your boss. You thought he or she was "OK" with what happened before, but it appears that he or she wasn't, and he or she needs to hear your appeal. You can avoid coming off as whiny by focusing not on what the schedules say but more generally on your concern that there are some lingering effects of what happened in March. Emphasize that you are prepared to make up for your past mistakes by working harder than ever and that you hope that your work since then has already begun to reflect that. Then go back to Step 1 and work that butt off again.





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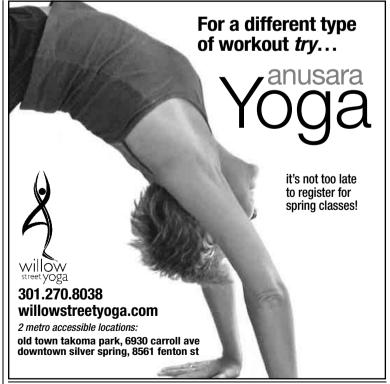
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Lisa Lillien isn't a nutritionist — just a junk food lover keeping an eye on her waistline. That's her shtick, anyway, in "Hungry Girl" (\$18, St. Martin's). The cookbook offers tasty, albeit unusual, suggestions, like breading chicken fingers with Fiber One and swapping canned pumpkin for eggs in brownies.

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SLURP YOUR C

Is water scarce? The makers of Emergen-C (those vitamin packets you can dump into a cup) have expanded into ready-to-drink Health & Energy Water (\$1.80). It tastes similar to their familiar product, but it's blended perfectly (unlike the grainy concoction we usually make).

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Slim Pickings

■ Heartcheckmark.org, site of the American Heart Association's food certification program of the same name, is like seeing a candy store from a distance, running toward it, and finding it filled with nothing but sugar-free sweets for diabetics. It looks like a feast, but it turns out to be a dry old famine — but a very healthy and virtuous one.

The site's main interactive function is to help you make a grocery list of foods the AHA's stamped as low in saturated fat (1 g or less) and cholesterol (fewer than 20 mg). They also must have fewer than 480 mg of sodium and contain 10 percent of the RDA of at least one basic nutrient. Said approval is symbolized on food packaging by a heart with a check mark. You choose a category, such as "snacks," and the correct foods appear. Alas, either very little won't kill you or the AHA needs to crack the whip on its certifying staff, because you get only six snack choices, and four are microwave popcorn.

As you go, you enter quantities and your picks are added to a list; said list can be printed as a PDF or e-mailed to one self. We can promise one thing: It will probably be short. Holly Morris (Express)

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Can't Resist It

I bought a 30-minute resistance-cord video. I really like it, but the weird thing is that at the beginning of my routine, I start yawning a great deal. At first, I thought I was just tired, but it happens every time I start exercising. Any explanation for that? - Anonymous

■ Before I help you, Anonymous, I need to address the folks slurping their cereal as they read this: All right, fess up: How many of you yawned just now? Or wanted to?

That's because yawning is one of the most contagious of all human behaviors, according to Robert Provine, a neuroscientist at the University of Maryland Baltimore County who specializes in vawning (and laughing, but we'll save that for a later column). "Anything that's related to yawning will trigger yawning, so if your reader is thinking about yawning, that itself will be a prompt to yawn," he savs.

So, there's a chance you were zonked the first time you worked out with the resistance cord, and now you keep repeating that behavior.

There's nothing particularly odd about vawning during or immediately prior to exercise. Often, elite athletes do it before a competition, as does Provine, who guesses there's a link between warming up the muscles and vawning.

But forget the myth that we yawn in order to take in more oxygen. We

"A yawn is a kind of stretch that involves respiration," he explains. It would be more unusual for the yawning to continue through an intense exercise session, because "if you're really huffing and puffing, you won't yawn," he adds.

However, if you start yawning excessively, it may be worth seeing a doctor. Provine notes that vawning can also be associated with hemorrhage, drug withdrawal and brain lesions.

Vicky Hallett is one of the MisFits, the fitness team for The Washington Post's Health section. Find more of her answers to reader questions on page F3 of The Post every other Tuesday, alternating with personal training insights from her gym buddy, Howard Schneider. Contact the MisFits at misfits@washpost.com.

Please Ask! They'll Tell

The easiest way to avoid common gym mistakes: talk to a trainer

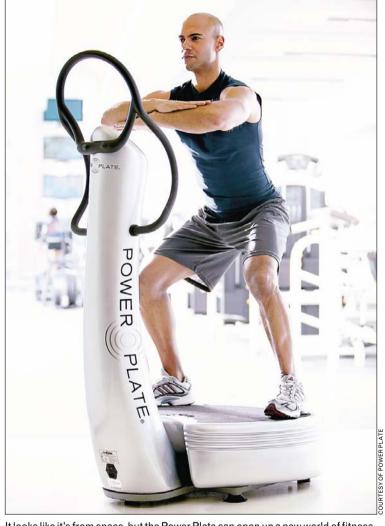
When you're lost, the common sense solution is to ask for directions. It's the same thing when you're working out — trainers are there to help disoriented exercisers get to their destination (in this case, that'd be hotness and healthiness) in one piece. The problem?

"They're too embarrassed to ask for help. Or some people never think to ask," laments John Workman, the lead trainer at downtown's Results Gym (Resultsthegym.com).

Instead, they hop on machines, even ones they've never laid eyes on before, and just get going. The fact that what they're doing might be stressing a joint, overloading a muscle or may just be ineffective doesn't seem to weigh on them at all.

So, in case you still can't muster the courage to get help at your gym, here's a cheat sheet to get the most out of the equipment at your disposal.

LAT PULL-DOWN: If there's one machine misuse that drives Elaina Enjetti, of the Glover Park WashingtonSportsClub(Mysportsclubs.com), up the wall, it's when people take the bar and pull it behind their heads instead of pulling it down to their chests. "They think they're working their backs and neck muscles, but instead, they're reinforcing the muscles that will push their heads forward," she says. It's bad for their posture and their health.



It looks like it's from space, but the Power Plate can open up a new world of fitness.

CARDIO WAVE: If your gym doesn't have one of these heart-rate raising wonders, it probably will soon. But Workman says most people don't get the elliptical variant at first — even he didn't the first time he tried one. The idea is that you push your legs out to the side like you're inline skating, but it's easy to shift your weight

from side to side instead of actively pushing your body. And that does nothing for you.

"The trick is to keep weight on both feet at all times," Workman says. He also encourages you to think about your position: "Being upright hits your quads and glutes, coming forward slightly gets the

back of the thigh, too, and coming all the way forward uses more and more glutes. Take your hands off and do a torso rotation and that's great for the abs."

POWER PLATE: At first, the vibrating platform looked like a futuristic scale, or maybe a scooter, to Karen White, the fitness manager at the Tysons Corner Equinox



(Equinoxfitness.com). And for the first few weeks they had it, "most of the trainers weren't sure what to do with it, so we stretched on it," she says. But while it's handy for a warmup — the waves of energy rushing through your body get the muscles ready to stretch further faster — the Power Plate is even better for resistance training. "If I want to work out my whole body, I can do it all on that machine," White adds. "Take tricep dips, for example. Put your hands on it, and it's an intensity you've never felt before." She also digs using it for squats and lunges, because it works the muscles while presenting a balance challenge for the core.

LEG PRESS: Problem No. 1 is that people tend to use too much weight. "You can see if their legs are shaking, and they're holding their breath," Enjetti explains. That second symptom is also a problem. When they push off, they lock their knees — a total no-no. "And then they come back too fast and hurt their hips," she adds. Vicky Hallett (Express)



GYM DANDY

Take It in Stride

■ There's usually a right way to do things and a wrong way. But short of getting on the Precor AMT upside down, you can't mess up. That's because the idea behind the new contraption is that it adapts to you. "It's more than an elliptical. It's a perceptive running machine that can think at the speed you're moving," raves Kevin McManus, the manager of XSport Fitness in Merrifield (8190 Strawberry Lane, 703-204-0064, Xsportfitness.com), one of the first local gyms to have the AMT.

He points to a guy comfortably in a light jog on one machine, and then jumps on another to show how he can turn it into a stair climber by keeping his stride short. He instantly segues into a sprint, and just as quickly takes it backward. For first-timers, it's not as easy as McManus makes it look — mainly because it feels so alien to have a machine react to your movements. Because the stride



isn't locked in, it's up to the user to pick one, and until you do, your limbs are all over the place.

That can turn people off initially, which is why McManus recommends folks try it out for at least 15 minutes and give it a second chance if their first time didn't blow them away. He expects everyone from champion triathletes to gym rookies to see the light. (VH)

A woman finds her stride on an AMT, Precor's most adaptable machine.

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Peculiar Pickleball Nets Fans

A serious sport with a silly name helps seniors stick with exercising

While football involves feet, and baseball requires bases, pickleball has absolutely nothing to do with pickles. Unless you count the cocker spaniel it was named for.

"The strangest thing about this sport is the name. I tell my daughter I play pickleball, and she dies laughing," says Don Taylor, 63, who picked up the game at The Villages, a Florida retirement community that boasts 150 pickleball courts.

His buddy Jerry Shannon, 77, agrees: "You wouldn't know if it's tiddlywinks."

In fact, it happens to be a racquet sport developed by a few folks in Washington state in the 1960s (including Congressman Joel Pritchard), who apparently shared a fondness for a dog named Pickles. The game borrows elements from more familiar diversions: It's played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches (about tennis-net height), the paddles look like slightly oversize versions of the table tennis kind, and the ball has the hole-y style of a whiffle ball. Scoring goes up to 11, like in badminton.

And the AARP crowd is turning it into a nationwide sensation which is why mature types, like Shannon and Taylor, dominate the Skyline Sport & Health Club in Falls Church (5115 Leesburg Pike, 703-820-4100, Sportandhealth.com) every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, when the basketball courts are transformed into the D.C. area's pickleball haven.

There's just a wonderful feeling about it," gushes Margie Davenport, who gives her age as "well into the senior category" and is one of the stars of the Sport & Health crew, thanks to the number of medals she's racked up over the past few

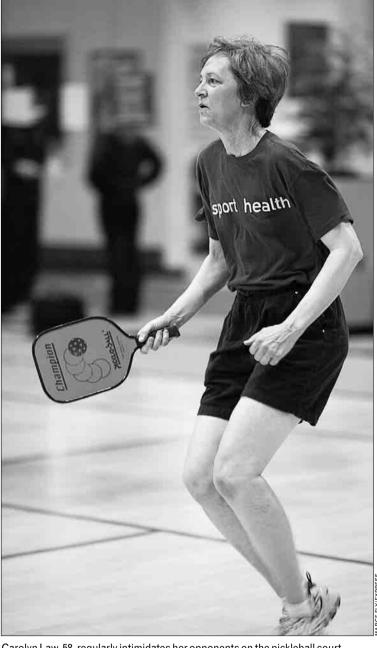
Many of its devotees are former tennis fanatics who find the smaller court size easier to manage and the underhand serve kinder to their shoulders. There's little chance of injury (unless you happen to get in

NOT-SO-ODDBALL

→ Several Virginia and Maryland community centers also have space dedicated to the sport. For other regularly scheduled pickleball games and times, check out the Web site of the USA Pickleball Association (Usapa.org).

Can't find a home for your matches? Find a badminton court and lower the net to three feet (34 inches in the center).

The rules are also available on the USAPA site. Remember that following a serve, each side must make at least one ground stroke before volleying the ball. And you cannot volley the ball while standing in the non-volley zone (which extends seven feet from the net in both directions).



Carolyn Law, 58, regularly intimidates her opponents on the pickleball court.

the way of the ball). Plus, it can be played indoors or outdoors.

Davenport says her friends find it so addictive they credit it with motivating them to recover after heart attacks, broken hips and other medical issues.

"I had breast cancer, and I couldn't play tennis anymore because of lymphedema [swelling due to damage to the lymphadic system]," says Carolyn Law, 58. "So, I switched arms to play this. It kept me going."

Although another one of the game's selling points is that it's easy, competing against the Sport & Health regulars — some of whom have more than a decade of experience under their belts — presents a challenge.

"The tennis pros come down thinking they'll beat us, and then they slink off of the court when they lose," chuckles Tom Sims, 72.

Just because they look like Grandma and Grandpa doesn't mean they won't wipe the court with you. Davenport's earned the nickname "Hard-Hearted Hannah" for her brutal style of play.

"It's harder than it looks," she says with a smirk.

While indulging their competitive streaks, players get the most critical benefit in the form of cardiovascular exercise. After an hour or two of running around, lobbing the ball and diving for tricky shots, they're definitely satisfying their docs' requests for aerobic activity.

"I sweat through two shirts," Sims admits. "I could never do that on one of those machines. The rest of this exercise stuff is too boring." Just wait until the kids find out about this. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

BODY TALK

Safeguard Your Shoulders

■ Love tennis but not how it makes your shoulders feel? Prevent those painful serves when you get back into the game this spring by concentrating some of your weight training efforts on your rotator cuff (the supraspinatus, infraspinatus, teres minor and subscapularis muscles). These four small but mighty movers have a huge responsibility, providing stability and strength to your entire shoulder joint. They're particularly vulnerable to wear and tear with age, so the stronger they are, the less cranky your shrug-and-serve should feel.

Do two sets of 10 repetitions of each exercise, allowing 30 to 60 seconds of rest between sets. Your movements should be slow and controlled, with a onesecond pause at the top. Do two or three sessions per week.

LYING EXTERNAL ROTATOR: Holding a dumbbell in your right hand, lie on your left side. Bend your right elbow 90 degrees, so your upper arm is at your side and your forearm is across your waist. Rotating your upper arm, lift the weight



up until it is almost over your hip. Keep your elbow close to your body, maintain the 90-degree angle of your elbow, and don't bend your wrist. Slowly lower. Do 10 reps, then switch sides.

BENT ARM LATERAL RAISE: Stand holding a pair of dumbbells at your sides, palms facing in. Bend your elbows 90 degrees and your knees slightly. Raise your elbows in a wide, arcing motion until your arms are nearly parallel to the floor, keeping your elbows just below shoulder level. Pause, then slowly lower. DENISE AUSTIN (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF PREVENTION @ RODAL FINC.)



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John Clinger, 14, credits his success on his school's football team to workouts at Bogifit, a teen-centric gym in California.

The Workout Years

With PE time on the decline, teens flock to gyms meant for them

Carly Wade is slightly out of breath as she moves through the weight room of Bogifit Youth Conditioning Center, an Anaheim Hills, Calif., gym geared toward teenagers. The 15-year-old feels comfortable here, surrounded by people her age and by young trainers and instructors.

"Being around older people is kind of intimidating, because they've been working out at a gym longer. Here, I'm working out with kids who are the same level, or higher or lower."

She adds, "Don't get me wrong: Normal gyms are good. ... But as a kid, you want to be fit. And you don't really know how to be fit without trainers."

Conscious of their bodies and

aware that pared-down PE classes don't always provide enough activity, some teenagers are looking for places to work out. Gyms are taking notice.

Many commercial gyms offer memberships to teens, and children ages 6 to 17 are the second-fastest growing demographic of health club members, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association. But the teens themselves aren't sure that's where they want to be.

Enter teen-centric gyms. Beginning to sprout on the nation's fitness landscape, they cater specifically to a younger crowd, offering more constant supervision, more video and game-related equipment and less of an age mix than traditional gyms.

Underground Fitness, for example — a youth gym in Scarsdale, N.Y. — provides separate workout areas for kids ages 12 and under, and for 13- to 18-year-olds. The

5,000-square-foot facility offers personal training, exergaming, and classes in spinning and boxing. Overtime Fitness in Mountain View, Calif., focuses on teens (only recently accepting adults) with weight training and cardio equipment, classes and exergaming.

Membership at such gyms is far from cheap. Some charge \$100 per month, more than the \$20 to \$40 some big chains charge.

O2 MAX Fitness is right in line with the trend. Tucked away in the Santa Monica Studios complex, the funky loft space offers stationary bikes, treadmills, free weights, a cable machine — and no parents in sight (unless they're picking up or dropping off). The gym, open about two months, specializes in one-onone and small-group training, for kids ages 12 to about 20.

Mercedes Worman joined the gym after a stint at a Bally Total Fitness. The 15-year-old appreciates the informal, clubby feel of the youth-oriented studio, although Bally had its upside. "They had a lot of equipment there, and it was nice and open," she says. "But there were a lot of old people, and I like to be around people my age. It's a more comfortable environment [at O2 MAX], and I know most of the people there."

That desire to be around peers is only natural. "I think adolescents just want to stay with people their own age at this point in their lives," says Anthony Luke, director of the University of California, San Francisco's Primary Care Sports Medicine. "But they are interested in learning about fitness. ... Being supervised in some way and not being with adults makes sense."

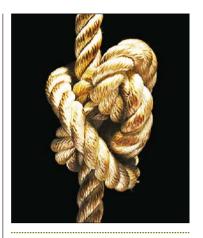
Adolescents who received



encouragement from their parents to work out — and who had a friend to exercise with — exercised significantly more than their counterparts who didn't have such two-pronged support, according to research published in the May issue of the Journal of Physical Activity & Health.

But working out isn't the same as hanging out. At O2 MAX, cell phones aren't allowed in the fitness area, and the upstairs lounge is offlimits until members have exercised. Those rules are set and enforced by Karen Jashinsky, the gym's founder and chief executive.

When members sign up, they're given a fitness assessment, asked to keep a brief food diary and provided with a customized workout program and general food guidelines. Kids can work out on their own, but an adult trainer is always around to supervise or answer questions. Some members are there to supplement their school athletics; some are there to lose weight and get in shape. Jashinsky says she wants to ensure that, when kids graduate from high school, they know how to exercise on their own, "Even with a lot of kids who play sports, once they stop, they don't know how to be active because no one ever taught them." JEANNINE STEIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Knot a Problem With These Tips

■ Pro athletes often have professionals to keep their muscles pliable and injury-free. Unfortunately, we can't afford that. Instead, try these strategies from Rich Poley, author of "Self Massage for Athletes." (Do the first before working out and the others between strength moves or after cardio.)

Gliding

BEST FOR: Any muscle you can reach **DO IT:** Keep your four fingers together but your thumb a few inches away so your thumb and index finger form a V. Glide your hand up and down the muscle, applying just enough pressure to indent your skin.

Squeeze and Roll

BEST FOR: Neck, shoulders, biceps, triceps and calves

DO IT: Place your palm on the muscle. Squeeze it, but not the bone, for one second, then slowly pull the muscle up and away from the bone as you move your hand in a small clockwise circle.

Press and Roll

BEST FOR: Chest, lower back, glutes, hamstrings and quads

DO IT: Using your knuckles, a fingertip, or your elbow, press the muscle into the bone to compress it. Then move your hand in small clockwise circles for a few seconds. (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)



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Damage Control

■ It would be depressingly dull to cook using only water-based methods, and God knows most of us crave a juicy grilled steak from time to time. But even when you do use high, dry heat, you can slash AGEs easily, Vlassara says. Try these AGE-reducing tricks when grilling, broiling, or microwaving:

CUT THE FAT: Since AGEs form when fat heats up, the less fat in a food, the fewer AGEs you'll get when you cook it. Vegetables are an obvious choice, of course. And when choosing proteins, go for fish or skinless chicken; or get adventurous and hunt down game meats like bison or venison, which are leaner than beef, says Dave Joachim, author of "Mastering the Grill." When only beef will do, select lean cuts such as top loin sirloin, top round, eye of round, tip and flank.

TAKE A SOAK: Marinate meat and fish in a mixture made from lemons, limes, pineapple and other citrus fruit. Not only does the liquid limit the production of AGEs, but the acid in citrus fruit also kills them. Forget commercial marinades (too much high-fructose corn syrup!). Instead, whip together 1 teaspoon of lemon zest, 2 tablespoons of cilantro and two cloves of garlic in 4 tablespoons of olive oil; pour over chicken or beef. Let it marinate for at least an hour, Adams says.

GO UNDERCOVER: Create tents with foil before grilling or broiling. And cover microwave dishes with plastic wrap. Both seal in the moisture that stops toxic AGEs in their tracks.

FAKE IT: Braise chicken or beef, then grill or pan-fry it for two minutes, Adams says. You'll get the look and taste you want without the AGEs. ALISA BOWMAN (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)

The Grill Can't Help It

Dry, high heat makes tasty food — and proteins that speed aging

Just when you think you know what's making you old, the brainiacs in white coats come up with a new cause for sudden memory lapses and wrinkles. This time, though, the culprit is something you can control.

Researchers have found that some of the most common cooking methods (grilling, frying and microwaving) and the way we process some of our favorite foods (lunch meats, hot dogs, potato chips) react with sugars and fats in those edibles to create destructive compounds called advanced glycation end products (AGEs). These molecular pests can shift our aging process into fifth gear.

"If you have high amounts of AGEs in your body — no matter how young you are — you're on your way to developing chronic diseases you normally wouldn't see until you are much older," says Helen Vlassara, a

professor of medicine and geriatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City who specializes in AGE research.

But here's the upside: Cut your AGE consumption by half and you'll give Father Time the finger. "When you cut back your AGE consumption, you'll save your eyesight, your memory, your skin and your blood vessels," Vlassara says.

Too Hot to Handle

AGEs might not have made the headlines until recently, but they've been around since Neanderthals hosted their first boar roast. AGEs form when dry, high heat causes sugar and fat to break down into protein molecules that shrivel up and turn brown or black. Any time you see sear marks on steak or a crispy coating on fried chicken, you're looking at AGEs, says Guy A. Crosby, associate professor of chemistry and food science at Framingham State College and adjunct associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Once they've gone down your gullet, AGEs live up to their nickname by attacking the cells that

keep you young and healthy. First, in a desperate move to save themselves, these defective proteins bind to immune cells, causing them to become inflamed - and inflammation is a primary cause of age-related conditions such as Alzheimer's, diabetes and heart disease. Making matters worse, AGEs also cause the formation of equally unstable free radicals, the destructive molecules that travel through your body damaging cells. This can lead to other serious health problems, such as cancer, and trigger signs of aging such as crow's-feet.

Over the past 50 years, we've upped our AGE intake dramatically, as we've moved away from eating farm-fresh food and toward consuming more processed products loaded with fats and added sugars and then cooked at high heat.

AGE-less cooking

Now, before you go raw, know that you can still cook your food and cut back dramatically on AGEs. That's because AGEs have an arch-nemesis: water. Using cooking methods that involve lots of H2O slows the AGE-creation process because the

liquid offsets the heat. So, the more you cook with water, the more you stop AGEs. Three easy ways to do it: steaming, braising and blanching.

Michael Adams, chef/owner of the Farmhouse, a restaurant in Emmaus, Pa., offers these tips for whipping up appetizing meals and minimizing AGEs:

SPA TREATMENT: Planning to make veggies, chicken, fish or pork for dinner? Adams recommends treating them to a tasty herbal steam

Once they're down your gullet,

AGEs attack the cells that keep you young.

bath. First, add 1 tablespoon of four to five herbs and spices to 1 quart of water. Cover and boil for seven to 10 minutes. Reduce heat to a low simmer and add chicken, pork, or fish. Cook the meat for about five minutes per pound. For veggies, place them in a steamer basket over the boiling herbal mixture for three minutes.

SIMPLY SMASHING: Braising is an easy technique that's perfect for beef and pork: Pour a can of beef or chicken stock into a roasting pan, then add four smashed cloves of garlic, one bay leaf, a tablespoon of fennel seeds, a tablespoon of fresh thyme, and half a tablespoon of peppercorns. Place a 3- to 5-pound piece of beef or pork into the broth, leaving a quarter of the meat exposed. Cover and bake at 275 F to 300 F for 2 1/2 to three hours.

DOUBLE DIP: First add a tablespoon of five different herbs and spices to a quart of water and bring it to a boil. Drop the vegetables into the boiling water (one to two minutes for greens, two to three minutes for most other chopped veggies, and until tender for root veggies), then immediately remove and place in ice water for the same time they were in hot water, adding more ice as it melts. Take out of ice water and serve. ALISA BOWMAN (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)

Those black marks look exta-tasty, but prepare to pay for them with wrinkles.



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Spreading the Love

The best butter knockoffs will curb cravings for the real deal

Butter substitutes will save you calories, no doubt about it. But will a smear of a butter wannabe cut it on a freshly flipped flapjack? The surprising answer is yes. These satisfying impostors use ingredients such as olive oil and yogurt to create a creamy illusion.

Smart Balance Omega Plus Buttery Spread

Made with cholesterol-lowering plant sterols, this is the closest thing to the real McCoy. Use it as you would regular butter. (\$3)

WE LOVE IT FOR slathering on an English muffin

INITABLESPOON: 80 calories, 9 g fat (2.5 g saturated)

Olivio

It's made with heart-healthy olive oil, but there's not a smidgen of Mediterranean taste in this whipped concoction. It's easier to spread than butter and tastes slightly sweet and salty. (\$1.90)

WE LOVE IT FOR sautéing veggies **IN I TABLESPOON**: 80 calories, 8 g fat (1.5 g saturated)

Move Over Butter

Butter is a fat bomb, but the but-



Save your calories for the pancakes by swapping butter with a substitute.

termilk in this sub has little to no fat — go figure. It still has a light, buttery flavor, though. This spread contains more water than others, so don't use it for baking. (\$1.20)

WE LOVE IT FOR melting on steamed vegetables

IN I TABLESPOON: 50 calories, 6 g fat (1 g saturated)

Brummel & Brown Spread Made With Natural Yogurt

An unlikely pair (yogurt and vegetable oil) combine to create a soft, slightly tangy schmear with half the fat and calories of butter. It doesn't have enough fat to bind cakes or

breads, though. (\$3.30)

WE LOVE IT FOR boosting the flavor of a boring bagel

INITABLESPOON: 45 calories, 5 g fat (1 g saturated)

Sunsweet Lighter Bake

Made from a blend of dried plums and apples, this gooey mixture acts just the way a fat would, keeping cookies, cakes and muffins moist. (No one will notice the fruity hint if you don't mention it.) (\$3.50)

WE LOVE IT FOR baking brownies
IN I TABLESPOON: 35 calories, O g fat
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EATING IN

MOROCCAN-STYLE CHICKEN BREASTS

When it's grilling season, it's much easier to avoid the takeout dinner trap. Spending a few minutes in the morning creating a quick marinade for a healthy protein such as chicken or fish can ensure you have a tasty entree ready for quick cooking on the grill when you get home.

INGREDIENTS

- → I/3 CUP plain nonfat yogurt
- → I/3 CUP chopped fresh cilantro
- → I TBSP extra-virgin olive oil
- → I TBSP minced garlic
- → I TSP sweet paprika

→ I TSP cumin



- → I/4 TSP salt
- → I/4 TSP freshly ground black pepper
- → I LB boneless, skinless chicken breasts

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES, PLUS MARINATE 6 TO 10 HOURS; SERVES: 4

IN A SMALL BOWL, mix together the yogurt, cilantro, oil, garlic, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper. Place the chicken in a shallow dish and spread with half of the yogurt mixture; turn the chicken over and spread with the remaining yogurt mixture. Cover and refrigerate for six to 10 hours. Preheat a gas grill to high or prepare a charcoal fire. Grill the chicken until it is cooked through and no longer pink at the center, about five minutes per side. (AP)

179 calories, 49 calories from fat; 5 g fat (I g saturated); 66 mg cholesterol; 3 g carbohydrate; 27 g protein; <I g fiber; 232 mg sodium

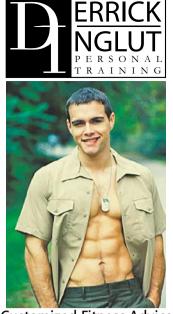
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Money = Painkiller

■ Having to pinch pennies is a pain in the butt — and everywhere else, too. A study published in the Lancet found that folks with household incomes less than \$30,000 reported moderate to severe pain 20 percent of the time, while people in households banking more than \$100,000 reported such discomfort less than 8 percent of the time. Education matters, too. People who never earned a high school degree experienced twice the pain levels of those who'd graduated from college.



VACCINATIONS

Coming Swoon

■ Teenage girls have a reputation for fainting in the presence of dreamy teenage boys. But there's something else that'll make them pass out: getting shots. The CDC reported that at least 463 people fainted after getting vaccinated during an 18-month period from 2005 to 2007. Swooning isn't inherently dangerous, but the CDC is recommending keeping an eye on patients, particularly of the teenage girl variety, for 15 minutes after a shot to make sure they don't bonk their heads.

ALCOHOL

Beer Trumps Fear

■ Ever wonder why alcohol acts like "liquid courage"? According to a report in the Journal of Neuroscience, booze reduces activity in the parts of the brain that are devoted to fear. Scientists injected either saline solution or alcohol into social drinkers and then had them look at faces, some with menacing appearances. While this should induce a fearful response, functional MRI scans found that people with alcohol in their bodies weren't as scared.

An Old Drug Finds New Appeal

Use of the ancient halucinogen salvia divinorum is rising among teenagers

It's been almost 50 years since a generation of young people were urged to "turn on, tune in and drop out" with the aid of psychedelic drugs. But at least one hallucinogenic drug remains legal and widely available — and it's become popular with today's teenagers.

The drug, an herb called salvia divinorum, is not new. Historically, it was used by the Mazatec Indians in Oaxaca, Mexico, for religious or healing rituals. But now high school and college students are using salvia for a brief psychedelic high, a trend well documented on YouTube and teen Web sites in the past few months.

The Drug Enforcement Administration and California state legislators are grappling with the question of what to do. The potentially dangerous herb is offered for sale online, and at tobacco and smoke shops, head shops and botanical stores, but little is known about the effect of the drug on health and safety, the extent of its use or whether it has begun to filter into the culture of younger teens.

Some researchers worry that attempts to make salvia illegal or designate it as a controlled substance might thwart studies of the drug's healing properties.

"We have people getting intoxicated on it, and there have been injuries," says John Mendelson, a senior scientist on addiction pharmacology



Research suggests salvia may be able to treat opioid dependence or depression.

at California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute in San Francisco. "But scheduling the drug as a narcotic is playing a big, big hand. If you're caught with it, you go to jail. Are we really interested, at this juncture, in making the drug illegal through this mechanism?"

Salvia divinorum is an inauspicious-looking member of the mint family and is one of many species of salvia, also known as sage, some of which are common garden plants in hot, dry climates. (Salvia divinorum itself is not a popular garden plant

because it is not considered decorative.) Salvia divinorum contains a chemical, salvinorin A, that causes hallucinations. The dried leaves or concentrated extract, which is often sold as incense, are smoked or chewed and produce a high lasting from less than a minute to about a half-hour. Users report distorted senses, an out-of-body feeling and losing control over their body movements

Some Web sites promoting salvia warn users to take the drug in the presence of a sober person who

can help if a user loses body control or behaves erratically. Numerous users have placed clips on YouTube of themselves or others laughing hysterically or staggering around while high on salvia. Known by the street names magic mint or Sally-D, it's sold in various concentrations for

Kids can leave high school on their lunch hour and get [salvia]."

about \$25 per gram and isn't hard to find. One Southern California tobacco shop sports a poster saying "Salvia divinorum sold here" near its front door, next to a sign saying "support local cops."

No studies exist to show that the drug causes any lasting neurological damage, is addictive or is harmful in any way other than the loss of body control that might lead to accidents. Some first-time salvia users report that the effects are unnerving and never take it again. Other salvia connoisseurs, writing on Web sites, say the experience offers a pathway to self-enlightenment and can provide a fulfilling mystical or meditative experience.

Drug abuse expert Howard C. Samuels isn't buying that. As executive director of the Wonderland Center, a substance abuse treatment center in Los Angeles, Samuels says he is seeing more young addicts using salvia in addition to marijuana, cocaine and Ecstasy.

"That this drug is legal is shocking," he says. "I find it especially disgusting that kids can leave high school on their lunch hour and go to a head shop and get it."

At least four states (Delaware, Missouri, North Dakota and Illinois) have outlawed salvia. Meanwhile, the DEA lists salvia as a drug of concern and is "in the process" of looking into the drug to determine whether it should be declared a controlled substance, says Rogene Waite of the DEA's public affairs office.

Most people involved in the debate agree that more information is needed about the drug.

SHARI ROAN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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WHAT YOU COULD HAVE BUT PROBABLY DON'T

Are you female? Are you between the ages of 13 and 35? Do you have itching and inflammation under your arms, on your bosom and in your nether regions? Is the hair there falling out? You could have FOX FORDYCE DISEASE, in which sweat trapped in the aprocrine sweat glands — the ones found only in the aforementioned areas — wreaks all manner of dermatological havoc. Skin will darken and stiffen; individual hair follicles will swell up. The cause of this rare condition is unknown. Retinoids, steroids, antibiotics and hormone therapy have all been found to relieve symptoms, but there is no cure. Sometimes, however, FFD will mysteriously disappear with pregnancy or menopause. Source: RAREDISEASES.ORG,



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